



# REDS CAPTURE GENERAL TU

## Fate Of Trapped Hsuehchow Garrison Still Unknown CALLED WAR CRIMINAL

Nanking, January 12.

General Tu Yu-ming, one of China's great military heroes and leader of the trapped government forces below Hsuehchow, has been captured by the Communists, military sources reported today.

The Communist radio said that General Tu was captured while in disguise as a private and that the last of his 25 surrounded divisions has been annihilated.

### Tientsin Tragedy

Shanghai, January 13.  
Eugene Grossman, aged 46, noted Tientsin leader, who repudiated Soviet citizenship in an effort to reach Argentina, committed suicide from his sixth floor apartment window on January 12.

Friends said Grossman paid someone, who claimed to be an agent of the Argentine Consulate, US\$1,500 for a permit to enter Argentina. The man disappeared and the permit never came. He then tried to regain Soviet citizenship. He was refused and committed suicide.—Associated Press.

### Another Try For Peace Planned

Nanking, January 13.  
Members of Nationalist China's Control Yuan, the highest supervisory organ of the Kuomintang Government, were making another attempt to reach peace with the advancing Communists, according to reports here today.

Following up the Control Yuan's cease-fire appeal to both sides last Tuesday, a committee of members met today and decided to confer with three of China's most prominent peace advocates and to interview the ambassadors of the Big Four powers.

Representatives of the committee later met General Chiang Ching-kuo and General Chang Chun, both ministers in Dr. Sun Fo's inner cabinet, and Mr. Shao Litzze, former Ambassador to Moscow.

They are understood to be endeavouring to find ways and means of overcoming the obstacles said to be preventing the Nationalist Government and the Communist leaders from fulfilling the Control Yuan's appeal to get together to reach an immediate cease-fire.

Later, they are expected to call on the four ambassadors of the major powers and emphasise the people's desire for peace. In addition they are expected to urge the diplomats to inform their governments of the necessity of foreign good offices to end China's civil war.

Members of the Kuomintang Standing Committee simultaneously met here today to discuss the deteriorating war situation and to plan the evacuation of the staff of the Kuomintang headquarters.—Reuter-AAP.

### TRUMAN CALLS ON MARSHALL

Washington, January 12.  
President Truman flew unexpectedly this afternoon to Pinehurst, North Carolina, for a talk with the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall.

Mr. Marshall, who is recovering from a kidney operation, leaves his post as Secretary of State on January 20.

Military sources here said that two of General Tu's leading generals, Chiu Ching-chuan and Li Mi, were missing. These sources said that only 6,000 of his 180,000 starving troops had survived the five weeks of encirclement and that they have been marching South to join other Government forces.

In making the announcement, the Communists referred to General Tu as a war criminal. He was so listed by the Reds on December 25. If actually captured, he is the first on the Red war criminal list to be taken.

There is still some uncertainty about the fate of his forces, which originally numbered 250,000, but were believed cut to about 110,000 by a month of entrapment.

A Government spokesman in Nanking insists General Tu's troops are still fighting.

General Tu's defeat on the Hsuehchow front was the second major military disaster for him in less than three months.

Last October he was handed the command in Manchuria, but was forced to get out when the Reds overran the territory.

He then was sent to the Hsuehchow front, where he was made acting Government Commander.

Red Thrust  
Communist forces meanwhile have thrust again into the Hsuehchow area to the North West of Pengpu on Nanking's outer defence screen, about 100 miles North of the capital, the Nationalist military spokesman announced here today.

He claimed that the Communists had been repulsed with 400 casualties.

Other unconfirmed reports said that General Chen Yi was now moving 15 columns South towards the river for the expected battle for the capital before the end of January.

Two of General Liu Po-cheng's Communist columns massing near the Hsuehchow river had yesterday been sent West to intercept fleeing Government troops.

Another unconfirmed report said that General Chiu Ching-chuan, one of the Garrison's Vice-Commanders, had escaped West to organise another stand against the Communists.

Band Driven Off  
A Communist force of about 100 attempted last night to cut the Pukou-Pengpu Railway, but were driven off by the railway police.

The Communist assault against Tientsin continued yesterday without having reached an armistice agreement, pro-Government press reports said today.

Radio-telephone contact between Shanghai and Tientsin failed last night, blocking direct contact with the beleaguered city.

Tientsin's four City Councilors are reported to have declared on their return from the Red lines that the Communist demands could not be met. It was understood at the negotiations hoped to be unhindered evacuation of Government troops and safety for the residents.

### Peace Rumours

Peiping buzzed with peace rumours as a result of the arrival of former Mayor Ho Sze-yin, General Li Yu-ching, former high officer of the Generalissimo's Staff, and the National Assemblyman, Li Ho, who is widely known for his outspoken peace views.

All three talked with the North China commander, General Fu Tso-yi, yesterday and Ho talked with the American Consul General, but none of them revealed his mission.

Breaking the long-tail, the Communist armies besieging Peiping today opened up with artillery against the Nationalist de-

ferences in the immediate outskirts of the city, according to private reports, filtering through strict North China censorship.

This is said to be the first time that the Reds are using big guns against the ancient capital since they threw a steel ring round the city, exactly a month ago. The damage hitherto caused is not yet known.

### Losing Control

Meanwhile, informed observers in Shanghai said that with the rapid deterioration of the military and political situation, the Nationalist Government may lose whatever little control they still possessed over the field commanders and provincial governors.

They are of the opinion that every day which passes without the Nationalists being able to bring about a negotiated peace, diminishes their chance of getting more favourable terms.

Among the latest spate of peace proposals arriving in government offices in Nanking, according to Chinese reports, was one from a Legislative Yuan member, Mr. Chang Chieh-lun, who asked for a people's conference on peace.

Mr. Chang, together with a group of legislators, is said to be preparing a peace plan which would be discussed at a forum to which the Soviet and American ambassadors would be invited to attend.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

### Problems Of The S'hai "Refugee"

To go or not to go, that is the question confronting many Shanghai residents living in Hong Kong today.

Thousands of Shanghai residents, who sought refuge in Hong Kong from the civil war, now wonder whether they should return or not.

The high cost of living, housing shortage and other problems facing the Shanghai evacuees, plus the persistent peace rumours, have combined to make him dissatisfied here.

Nearly all the evacuees from Shanghai came here with the intention of staying in a place of safety only for a few short weeks while the warring factions fought it out to the bitter end. They believed that the Communists would soon sweep into Nanking, and then Shanghai.

It is now more than three months since the Reds started rolling the front of the three-year-old civil war toward the Yangtze River. Today, Nanking and Shanghai are still in Nationalist hands.

Communist Promises  
In the meantime, the Nationalists started talking about a negotiated, honourable peace, while the Communists, flushed with successes, promised that they would respect private properties.

Since his arrival here, the refugee from Shanghai has been having difficulty trying to make the necessary financial, social and mental adjustments.

He complained that living in Hong Kong was too expensive and too dull, and protested that Shanghai, even in war, was a cheaper, gay and more exciting place to live in.

A business man evacuee told the "China Mail" that uncertainty what to do in the present circumstances was costing him a great deal.

He came here with his family during the exodus from Shanghai three months ago, after liquidating his long-standing business. He bought land for a factory "sooner" after he arrived here, but until now he has not bought a single brick or tile. In the meantime, he is paying big rent for a small flat, and spending heavily in household expenses.

### May Move Back

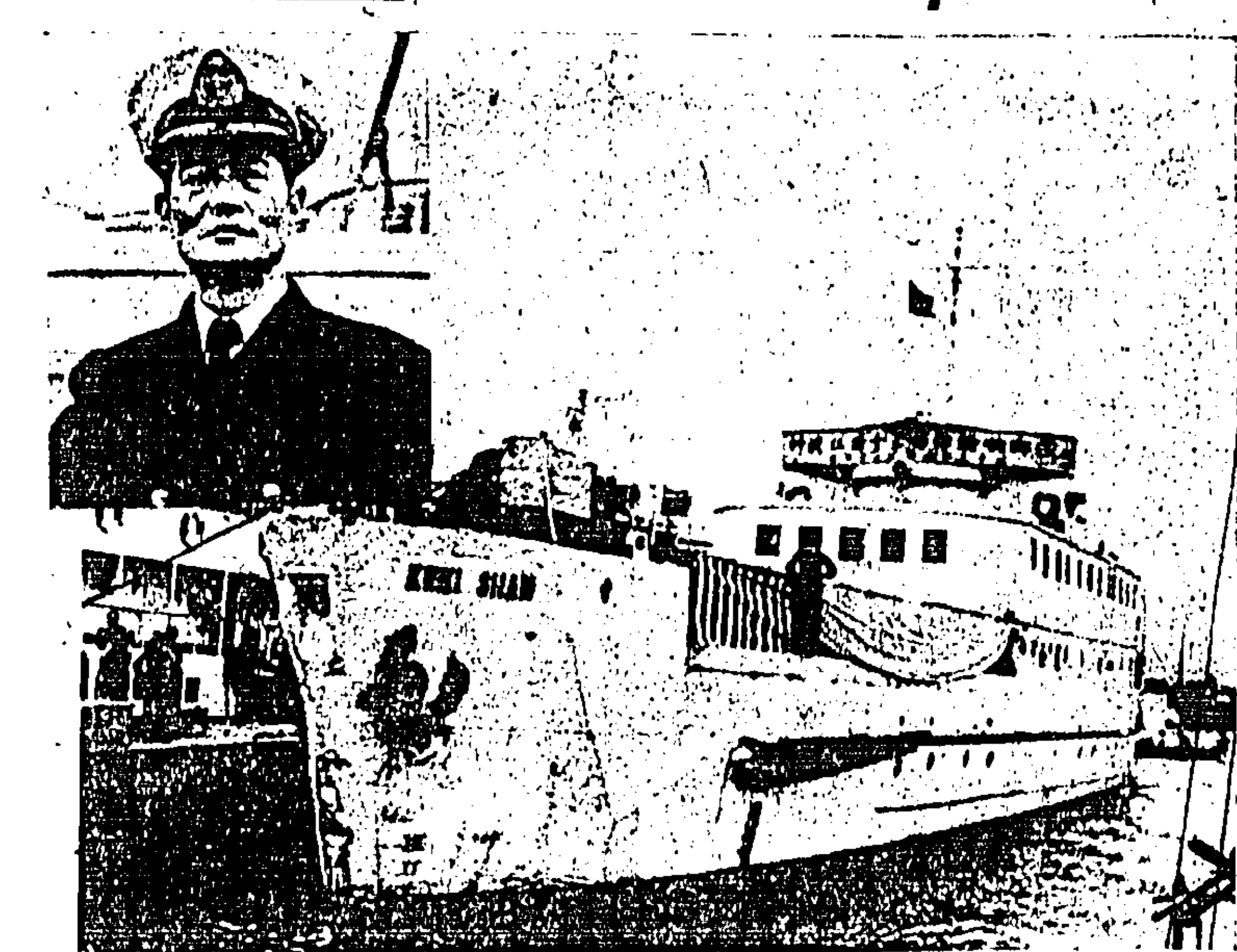
"I have just returned from a flying visit to Shanghai," he said, "and I am thinking of moving back there soon."

Another evacuee, a former bank clerk, also said he was having difficulty rehabilitating himself here. He came with his wife last October and they stayed with friends. He had not been able to find a job since. "And I have stopped trying to, because my Shanghai job is open to me any time I want it back," he said.

About the only evacuees from Shanghai who seem to be happy in their new place of abode are the taxi-drivers. Coincidentally the Southward flight of capital and capitalists, hundreds of Shanghai's most popular dance hostesses have come to Hong Kong, lured by the better working conditions and more lucrative returns, including accommodation provided by their employers.

Tired and retired Chinese businessmen from Shanghai, it seems, prefer to relax in the company of dance hostesses whom they knew back in Shanghai or who speak the same dialect. Ask any local taxi-driver.

# Four Brigands Die As Hold-Up Fails



Four of 17 pirates, disguised as steerage passengers, were killed outright when they attempted to seize the mv. Kwei Shan when she was 50 minutes out from Canton on Tuesday night. Seven were arrested, two seriously wounded and four escaped by jumping into the sea. Inset is Mr. Lai Ju-mei, master of the vessel, who was shot at twice by a pirate before the latter jumped into the sea.—(China Mail) Photo.

# PIRACY IN HONG KONG

## Raiders Seize HK\$10,000 From Ferry Passengers

Seven pirates seized control of a Hong Kong ferry boat yesterday and escaped into the New Territories after robbing the passengers of more than HK\$10,000 in money and jewellery.

One of the passengers, 46-year-old Man Kong-to, was shot in the left thigh when he refused to hand over a diamond ring.

The ferry boat, Man Tat, operated by the Hong Kong and Yau-mat Ferry Company on the 25-mile run between Hong Kong and Nam Tau in Chinese territory, left the Colony at 7 a.m. yesterday.

It reached Nam Tau without incident and left the Chinese town at 11:30 on her return trip with 104 passengers and 16 crew.

About 10 minutes later, pirates, disguised as passengers, blew whistles to attract the attention of the passengers.

Two armed men forced the coxswain of the ferry boat to slow down the engines while other pirates herded the passengers to one part of the vessel.

Threatened with revolvers, the passengers were forced to surrender their money and jewellery. One passenger refused to take off a diamond ring. He was shot in the thigh and the ring was taken off his finger.

Following the directions of the pirates, the coxswain arrived off Nim Wan, on the North side of Castle Peak in the New Territories, at 12:20 p.m.

Escaped By Sampan  
There they commandeered a sampan and escaped ashore. Two vessels on their way to Nam Tau passed by at the time but failed to notice the plight of the ferry boat.

After resuming her voyage, the ferry boat met a Water Police launch and reported the matter to the officer in charge. Radio messages were sent to Hong Kong as a result of which the Water Police launch No. 2—converted air rescue craft—was sent out. It, however, found no trace of the pirates in the area where they went ashore.

The ferry boat was ordered to Castle Peak Bay where the police took statements from the passengers and crew.

The wounded passenger was sent to hospital by ambulance from Castle Peak.

The ferry boat reached Hong Kong at 6:35 p.m.—four hours behind schedule.

### RAPE CHARGE

Guam, January 13.  
The Governor of Guam said today that three U.S. Servicemen, all negroes, are being charged with the kidnap, rape and murder of Ruth Farnsworth. The 27-year-old San Francisco woman was seized on the night of December 11 in a jade shop where she worked part time. She was found the next day in the jungle, unconscious and her clothing torn. She died on December 13.—Associated Press.

# STRIKERS TO BE REINSTATED

The taxicab companies and their striking drivers reached a settlement of their nearly fourth-month-old dispute yesterday when the companies agreed to reinstate 322 of the strikers.

The companies had agreed earlier to increase wages from \$6.50 to \$6.75 a day and to make some concessions in working conditions, but they refused to discharge their new drivers.

Re-employment of the 322 old drivers will be decided by ballot. This will bring the total number of drivers on the companies' payrolls to 558, the same as before the strike.

The 236 new drivers were hired by the companies in an effort to break the deadlock. The old drivers made their return-to-work decision at a closed meeting yesterday noon at the Confucius Hall. Later in the day their representatives called on the Deputy Commissioner of Labour, Mr. Q.A.A. MacFadyen, who communicated their decision to the taxicab companies.

The dispute started last September when the companies rejected the drivers' demand for an increase in wages and new working conditions. The drivers demanded an increase from \$6 to \$6.50 a day, which they later reduced to \$8. The companies agreed to pay \$6.50 a day.

After two months of fruitless negotiations, the drivers served a 24-hour ultimatum on the companies, which was rejected.

On September 20, 76 drivers of the Star Taxi Company walked out, immobilising 49 cars of the company.

Two days later, the remaining seven taxicab companies took their cars off the road. They explained the action by saying that their drivers had been holding a go-slow strike which reduced the daily income by half.

No Move For Settlement  
For the next seven weeks, neither side made any move for a settlement. On November 12, the owners made the first move to break the deadlock by putting 32 cars on the road with new drivers.

Picketeers persuaded the new men to leave their jobs. At first their persuasion partially succeeded, but gradually more and more taxis took the stand with new drivers.

The taxicab companies refused to reopen negotiations with their old drivers but, following official pressure, they met their men last week.

As a result of talks sponsored by the Commissioner of Labour, a settlement was reached yesterday.

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## Scott Rides Again



### Two-Gun Western

It is useless to argue with someone about the type of picture he prefers. Therefore, merely let it be said that for those of you who like Westerns, preferably of the two-gun, two-fisted, no-holds-barred variety, "Corner Creek" is showing at the Kins this week.

From Luke Short's brass-knuckled American magazine story of cowboy vengeance and love on the prairie, Columbia Pictures has come up with a Cinecolor film that tells the story of a runaway horse. A renegade white man, leader of the riders, takes captive Scott's fiancée, who subsequently commits suicide. Scott, in typical Hollywood phrasing, becomes gun-crazy with hate for the betrayer of his beloved and vows with a cold, white fury that she will be avenged. Obtaining a description of the renegade, he trails him to the town of Corner Creek, Arizona, and proceeds to undermine his powerful and influential position in the community of ranchers.

Stars of the film are Randolph Scott, who probably will still be foiling hip-shooting villains another 20 years from now, and the ever attractive Marguerite Chapman.

From the opening sequence of an Indian raid on a stagecoach, the picture moves with the frenzied speed (and the senseless clutter) of a runaway horse. A renegade white man, leader of the riders, takes captive Scott's fiancée, who subsequently commits suicide. Scott, in typical Hollywood phrasing, becomes gun-crazy with hate for the betrayer of his beloved and vows with a cold, white fury that she will be avenged. Obtaining a description of the renegade, he trails him to the town of Corner Creek, Arizona, and proceeds to undermine his powerful and influential position in the community of ranchers.

Scott joins forces with Sally Eilers, a salty-tongued ranch woman, who at the time is contesting the right to some land with the hard-man George Macready. Before he establishes her ownership, he encounters "and best" Forrest Tucker, Macready's brutal henchman, in a boxing fist fight. Turning on another of his deadpan performances as the rugged man of action, Scott shares, bill me this time with Marguerite Chapman, in a straight-shooting hotel keeper whom he learns to love.

Sally Eilers, who may be remembered by some as a screen favorite of the early '30's, might have been luckier in her choice of role for a picture intended to be her comeback.

The rest of the cast, including Edith Evans, Richard Widmark, and Wallace Ford, perform their duties as they have in the past.

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### Best Known Horse Alive

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The horse was Dan Patch, and in 1906 he became the best-known critter alive. A lot of movie stars would crawl down Vine Street for half that horse's publicity.

Every kitchen in the country had a calendar with his picture on it. Children knew who he was before they could read about him. He used to tour the country in a private railroad car, with a retinue of trainers.

There always was a special parade when he arrived in town, and the crowds that followed him around haven't been equalled since.

Dan Patch now has received Hollywood's highest gift for fame. They're making a movie about him, called "Dan Patch." The producer is W. R. Frank.

#### Before Royalty

"Dan Patch," says Frank, "was such a great star he gave two command performances before British royalty. Can Gable say that?"

If it hadn't been for Patch's owner, a Minneapolis stock feed manufacturer named W. M. Sawyer, the system of making stars might not have been thought of.

"A flock of advance men used to tour the countryside when Dan Patch was coming to town," Sawyer said. "People came from miles around. Schools closed. Business men locked their doors. Everybody came to see Dan Patch run against time."

Just like a movie star, Dan Patch endorsed cigars and everything else, including baby buggies. Fan mail started with Dan Patch. He also sent out autographed photos, stamped with a hoofprint. Several million copies were printed of "The Autobiography of Dan Patch." A railroad in the North West was named after him—the Dan Patch Line—and Dan Patch Line—and it's still running.

"You talk about people coming to Hollywood to see the stars," Sawyer sniffed. "Outside of Minneapolis after he stopped touring, they built a grandstand to hold the crowds that came out to see him march on a carrot."

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## CINEMA WORLD

### AFTER SEVEN YEARS, A WELCOME REUNION

Judy Garland and Gene Kelly are at the Queen's this week in a swashbuckler called "The Pirate," and it's strictly a family affair. Garland's off-the-screen husband, Vincente Minnelli is her director for the third time. (Other two: "The Clock" and "Meet Me in St. Louis." And Gene Kelly once more wins his girl Judy for the first time since 1941 and "For Me and My Gal".)

Two things can be said about this film. First, husband Minnelli is a master at keeping wife Garland at her very top form. Second, seven years is much too long to wait for the antics and hilarities of what Hollywood must soon recognize is an unbeatable combination.

It is fortunate that Kelly and Garland are not ones to let a glory get in their way. "The Pirate" is an adaptation of a bit of mistaken identity hocus-pocus that was presented on Broadway several years ago, and not too successfully at that, by Lynn Fontanne and Alfred Lunt. But if Fontanne had been able to sing

occasionally, none of them being particularly noteworthy. But Garland and Kelly are just the pair to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

The women will find much to please them as Judy sings throughout in a variety of humorous Spanish costumes. Kelly is still personality-plus, and the spontaneity and novelty of his spectacular dance routines leave nothing to be desired. It is still a toss-up between him and Fred Astaire as to who is the best dancer on the American screen.

The supporting cast is headed by the veteran character actor Walter Slezak, in the role of a



Don't let the makeup fool you. It's really Judy Garland and Gene Kelly back together again after seven years.

like Garland, and if Lunt had had the ability to dance like Kelly, it's a safe bet that the Broadway would have run a lot longer than it did.

"This entertaining bit of fluff tells the story of a lovely girl who dreams of being swept off her feet by a bold pirate and who finds her hero in the person of a debonair strolling player. The locale is the languorous and exotic Caribbean."

Fortunately there is much good dancing and singing to bolster the imaginative tale of Manuella, daughter of the legendary pirate Maccoco, but on the verge of marrying the rich but old and pompous Don Pedro. Overnight her life changes as she meets the dashing mountebank Serafin, who conjures her into believing he is the bold pirate of her dreams and ultimately risks his life in order to prove his love.

Prolific Cole Porter has provided six new tunes for the

pompous official hiding his black past under a cloak of feigned respectability. Other featured parts are played by Gladys Cooper, Reginald Owen and the dancing Nicholas Brothers.

No doubt about it, "The Pirate" is just the sort of things to make you forget your troubles.

Boris Karloff is one man who has learned that Crime Does Pay. A few months ago he decided to leave the world of Frankenstein and the Wolf Man and to look around for something more sweet and kindly to portray. But he's back in the villain business again, having signed for the heavy role in "The Shop at Sly Corner."

It's a sad commentary, but apparently Karloff finds there's more money in being cruel than in being kind.



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### KAYE ON COMEDY

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"I'm not a gag comic," Kaye says. "What I need are situations and character. Then I beat my brains out trying to fit them together in a movie."

Kaye sometimes rehearses a routine all morning on Warner Bros. "Happy Times." He does it over and over and he still doesn't think it's funny enough.

Then suddenly, just as the camera rolls, he discovers the key to a human weakness and burlesques it all over the sound stage. He gets some of his best routines that way.

#### Eating Makes Fun

"I've been entertaining my friends for years," Kaye said, "with a satire on the busy eater. You know, the guy who concentrates like a hog on four different dishes at the same time and stuffs his face with food, never listening to the conversation."

"You've seen thousands of them in restaurants. So have I."

"Well, no one thought that four minutes of straight eating would be funny in a picture. But I talked them into letting the camera roll until I finished a whole meal—and it's in the picture."

Kaye's wife, Sylvia Fine, wrote a national anthem for a non-existent country and Kaye went crazy trying to find the best way to sing it. Then he puzzled out the answer, based on the way people really act.

"You know how everybody stumbles through the 'Star Spangled Banner' pretending to know the words?" he said triumphantly. "That's what I'm doing."

### Open Air Studio

For three months recently, Ealing Studios, London, used an acre-and-a-half blitzed site in Lambeth, in the heart of London, as an open air film studio where scenes were enacted for "Passport to Pimlico".

Shops stocked with all kinds of pre-war goods sprang to mushroom growth on this desolate site. There were a tavern, a bank and many realistic-looking "brick" buildings.

So animated was the scene, with its 300 or so "shoppers", its policemen and its goods, that many passers-by were taken in. It was only on closer inspection that the "bricks" were found to be lathe and plaster, and that the shops, though complete back and front, had no interiors.

One builder complained at the waste of "bricks" for a mere film set when there was such a shortage for housing. He could hardly believe his eyes, when he was shown that they were nothing more than plaster and paint. A woman was equally indignant when she was turned away from the "market" where many "housewives" were getting their baskets filled. She did not realize that the "food" consisted of paper-mache and plaster.

These filmy "buildings" stood up well to the inclement English weather. Staffs of maintenance men were on hand to patch and repaint them, but when the sets were taken back to Ealing they were still in such good condition that they needed little treatment. They have been erected in separate parts on the various sound stages for close-up sequences.

Appearing in "Passport to Pimlico" are such well-known British character actors as Stanley Holloway, Hermione Baddeley, Margaret Rutherford, Raymond Huntley, Basil Radford and Hamilton Wayne.

An important part is played by that charming French-Canadian actor, Paul Dupuis, first seen in Britain with Francoise Rosay in "Johnny Frenchman." He has had a number of parts since then, and has just been chosen to be Marguerite Lockwood's leading man in her current "Two Cities" film, "Madness of the Heart." Dupuis visited Britain during the war as a radio news commentator and war correspondent. He describes himself as a "Sunday pulitzer." That is to say, he spends most weekends in the cottage he has rented in the English county of Buckinghamshire, working on a large-scale oil painting entitled "Carnival."

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strength, was approximately 4,700 fighters, 6,000 light, medium, and heavy bombers, and 4,000 reconnaissance, transport, and other types.

While this build-up was proceeding during the autumn months there was, as originally planned, much to be done operationally. In the North, besides capturing the approaches to Antwerp, it was desirable to make progress toward closing the Rhine, because it was from this region that our heaviest attacks would be launched in the crossing of that river. Farther South, on Bradley's front, it was advantageous to conduct preliminary operations looking toward the final destruction of all German forces remaining West of the Rhine. Thus we would not only deplete the forces available for the later defence of the river but we would also secure the areas in the Saar region from which we planned to launch strong attacks in conjunction with those in the North, when we were ready to envelop the Ruhr.

In the autumn fighting we again encountered our old enemy, the weather. The June storm on the Scheldt Estuary was heavily mined, and the German forces on Walcheren Island and South Beveland Island completely dominated the water routes leading to the city. It was unfortunate that we had not been successful in seizing the area during our great South Eastward reach in the early days of September.

Reduction of these strongholds required a joint naval, air, and ground operation. Montgomery gave General Crerar of the Canadian First Army responsibility for developing and executing the plans. Preparatory work was started shortly after the city fell into our hands on September 4.

To Be Continued

With the advent of bad weather, road maintenance presented additional problems to the Services of Supply because of the shallow foundations of many of the European roads, particularly in Belgium. In numerous instances our heavily laden trucks broke completely through the surfaces of main highways and it seemed almost impossible to fill the resulting quagmires with sufficient stone and gravel to restore them to a semblance of usefulness.

To reduce dependence on roads we brought in quantities of rail-destroyed stock to replace that destroyed earlier in the war. To do this expeditiously, railway engineers developed a simple scheme that was adopted with splendid results. Heavy equipment like railway cars can normally be brought into a theatre only at prepared depots. Unloading is laborious because of the heaviest kind of cranes and hoists. Our engineers, however, merely laid railway tracks in the bottom of LSTs. They then laid railway lines down to the water's edge at the beaches of embarkation and disembarkation, by using ranging flexible connections between ground tracks and those in the LSTs, simply rolled the cars in and out of the ships. But while waiting and unloading, during the autumn months, the battle of supply, there was no cessation of fighting along the front.

Our ground forces, while not yet at peak strength, continued constantly to increase. On August 1 our divisional strength on the Continent was thirty-five, with four American and two British divisions in the United Kingdom. By October 1 our aggregate strength on the Continent included the Sixth Army Group which had advanced through the South of France with fifty-four divisions, with six still staging through the United Kingdom. All our divisions were short in infantry replacements, and in total numerical strength of ground forces the Germans still had a marked advantage. We were disposed along a line which, beginning in the North on the banks of the Rhine, stretched five hundred miles Southward to the border of Switzerland. To the South of that country detachments were posted on the French-Italian border to guard against raids on our lines of communication by the Germans in Italy.

This meant that, counting all types of divisions—infantry, armoured, and airborne—we could, on the average, deploy less than one division to each ten miles of front. In view of all these conditions there was much to be said for an early assumption of the defensive in order to conserve our strength for building up the logistic system and to avoid the suffering of a winter campaign. I declined to adopt such a course, and all principal commanders agreed with me that it was to our advantage to push the fighting.

One important consideration that indicated the advantage of keeping up our troop and logistical capacity was the knowledge that in order to replace his great losses of July, August, and September the enemy was hastily organising and equipping new divisions. In many instances, he was compelled to bring these troops into the lines with but a few days of training. Initially they had a low order of efficiency, and attacks against them were for us costly but they would become later as these new enemy formations succeeded in perfecting their training and their defensive installations.

Intelligence agencies were required to make exhaustive daily analyses of enemy losses on all parts of the front. The purpose was to avoid attacks in those areas where the balance sheet in losses showed any tendency to

favour the enemy. During this period we took, as a general guide, the principle that operations, except in those areas where we had some specific and vital objective, such as in the case of the Saar dams, were profitable to us only where the daily calculations showed that enemy losses were double our own.

We were certain that by continuing an unremitting offensive we would, in spite of hardship and privation, gain additional advantages over the enemy. Specifically we were convinced that this policy would result in shortening the war and therefore in the saving of thousands of Allied lives.

Consequently the autumn period was to become a memorable one because of a series of bitterly contested battles, usually conducted under the most trying conditions of weather and terrain. Walcheren Island and the Hurtgen Forest, the Roer dams, the Saar Basin, and the Vosges Mountains were all to give their names during the fall months of 1944 to battles that, in the sum of their results, greatly hastened the end of the war in Europe. In addition to the handicap of weather there was the difficulty of shortages in ammunition and supplies. The hard-fought courage and resourcefulness of the Allied soldier was never tested more thoroughly and with more brilliant results than during this period.

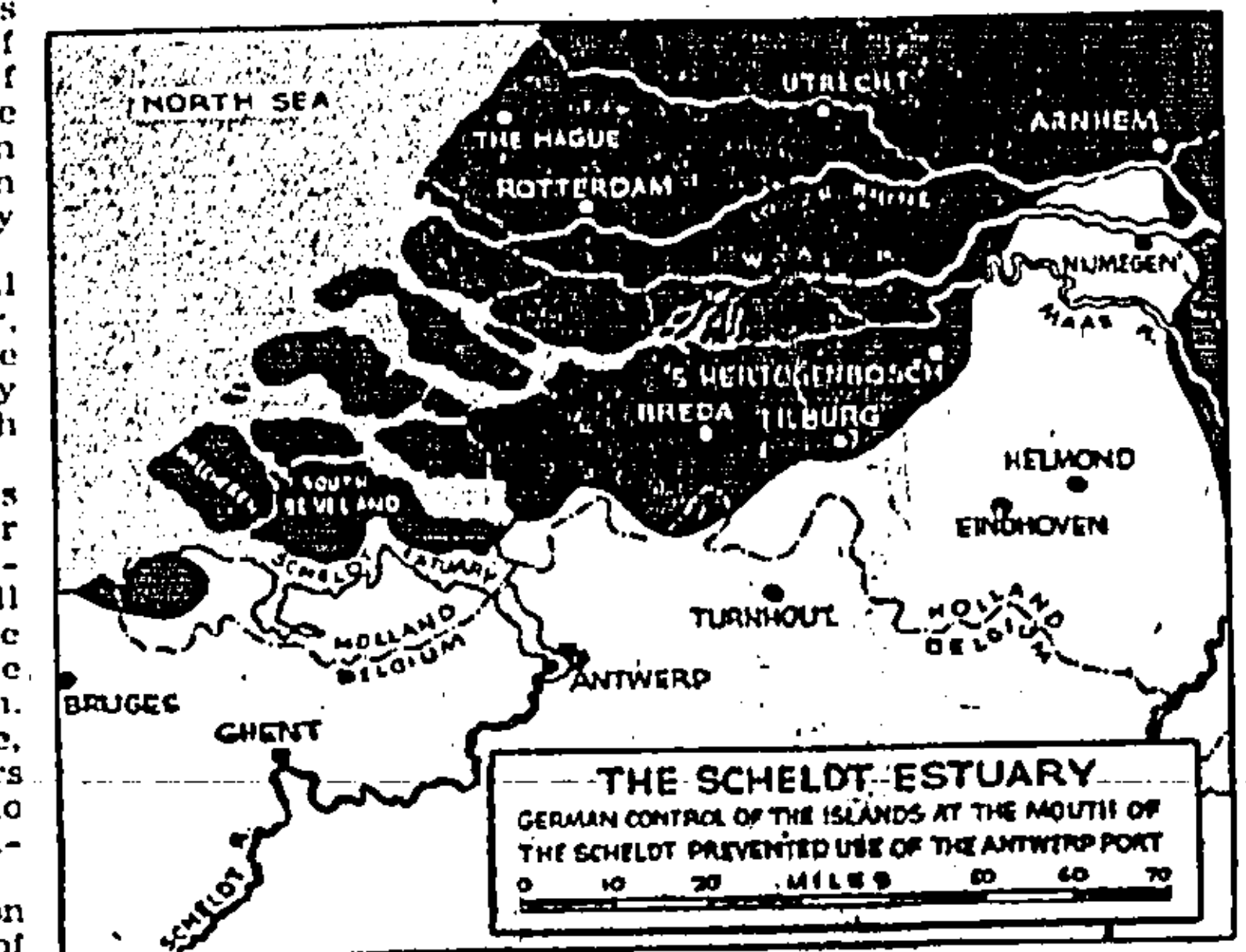
The strength of our growing ground force was multiplied by the presence of a powerful and efficient air force.

Tactically, the air force possesses a mobility which places in the hand of the high command a weapon that may be used on successive days against targets hundreds of miles apart. Aerial bombardments are delivered in

and became the basis of "Air Claims," but we found that this method provided no accurate estimate of the damage actually inflicted. Exact appraisal could be made only after the area was captured by the ground troops.

For the delivery, in a single blow, of a vast tonnage of explosives upon a given area, the power of the air force is unique. Employment of large bombers in this role has the advantage of imposing no strain upon the forward line of communication. Every round of ammunition that is fired from an artillery shell is unloaded at a main base and from there brought over to the front over crowded rail and road lines. After several handlings it is finally available for use at the gun site. The big bombers are stationed far in the rear; in our case they were in the United Kingdom. The bombs they used were either manufactured in that country or brought over from the United States in cargo ships. From factories or ports they went to appropriate airfields, and from there were delivered in one handling directly against the enemy.

The air can be employed in a variety of ways to forward the progress of the land battle. Its most common functions are to prevent interference by our ground forces by enemy planes, to render tactical assistance in attacking troops by fighter-bomber effort against selected targets on the front, and to facilitate capture of strongly defended points by heavy bombardment. In these close-support activities it has, of course, certain limitations. In Europe bad weather was the worst enemy of the air, and the unexpected advent of rain, fog, or cloud often badly disarranged a battle plan. In the middle of December bad weather prevented the air from discerning the concentration of unused German strength in the



such concentrated form as to produce among defending forces a shock that is scarcely obtainable with any amount of artillery.

For pinpointing of accessible targets, the air was normally not so effective as artillery. Moreover, against general targets, air power did not destroy—it damaged. An industrial area was never eliminated by a single raid and, indeed, rarely obliterated beyond partial repair even by repeated bombings. Lines of communication were never cut in extended periods of good weather, completely severed beyond any hope of use. But the air did deplete the usefulness of anything it attacked and, given ideal flying conditions and when used in large concentrations, could carry this process of depletion to near perfection.

Air attack by a single combat plane is a fleeting thing, and the results achieved do not always conform to first estimates. Air reports of destroyed vehicles, particularly armoured vehicles, were always too optimistic by far. This was not the fault of pilots. Each fighter-bomber airplane was equipped with a movie camera which automatically recorded the apparent results of every attack. The films were examined at bases

Ardennes, and made the air force of little use to us in the first week of that battle. Moreover, by its nature, the air cannot stay constantly at the front; each plane must return periodically to its base for refueling and servicing. This limited the number present at the front to a fraction of the total numbers available. Occasionally enemy planes could therefore strike our front lines, even though in over-all numbers our air strength was relatively overwhelming.

The air force had other important uses. One of these was to attack the enemy's supply lines. Still another was that of increasing the decisiveness of the ground battle. Every ground commander seeks the battle of annihilation so far as conditions permit, he tries to duplicate in modern war the classic example of Cannae. In the beginning of a great campaign, battles of annihilation are possible only against some isolated portion of the enemy's entire force.

Destruction of bridges, culverts, railways, roads, and canals by the air force tends to isolate the force under attack, even if the severance of its communications is not complete.

In the fall of 1944 our air strength, in operational units, including the associated bomber

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## FIRE HAZARD

The more sanguine of Hong Kong's citizens hope that the Government may take prompt action on the report it commissioned on the Wing On godown fire tragedy, in which 173 men, women and children perished, and a physical loss of HK\$20,000,000 was incurred.

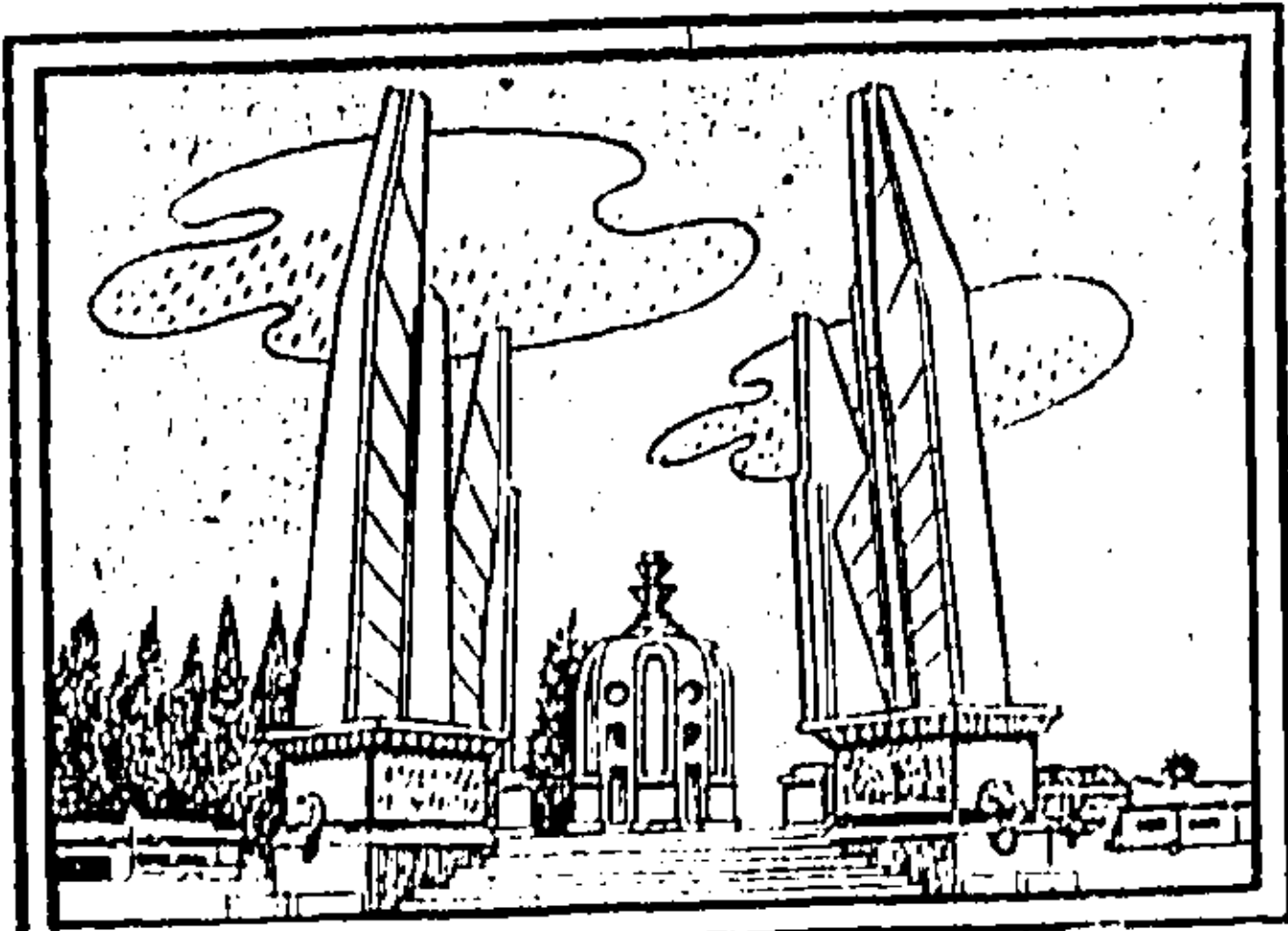
More than one overseas insurance and fire control expert has glimpsed the congested warehouse-cum-habitation areas of our twin cities and gone away horrified. Fire after horrifying fire has devastated crowded, ramshackle structures, but on the surface all that has happened is that insurance brokers have, presumably, looked a trifle harder at the risks they are asked to underwrite. If this happened in China proper, or in Siam, or Burma or India, the Westerner would nowadays have little grounds for complaint against an attitude distilled from centuries of Asiatic indifference to safety and even life, provided a reasonable livelihood could be wrung from a hard and antagonistic world.

Hong Kong, however, is British ruled and controlled, and it is up to our Government, more or less elected by itself, with approval from Whitehall, to see that Occidental standards of civic welfare are upheld in so far as this is humanly possible. Having arrogated to themselves despotic powers, our rulers cannot in this day and age escape the inherent responsibilities—and one wonders how easy are the consciences that so suavely guide our destinies.

The Commission's comment that a minor degree of responsibility rests with the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade for failure to ensure adequate publicity for storage regulations, is manifestly unfair. It is by law—the duty of godown managers to be fully acquainted with existing regulations, especially concerning dangerous goods, and in point of fact they do know them. Incidentally, it was a matter of common observation that the Chief Officer did all in his power to save property and lives once the holocaust had torn loose. Apart from courageous, self-forgetting rescue work, firemen prevented the flames from engulfing the adjoining Royal Inter-Ocean Line's headquarters on one side, and a string of old brick godowns on the other. Further, the Chief was unaware of the contents of Godown No. 2, and may well have expected an explosion there at any moment.

The Commission's suggestion that the Fire Brigade and Marine Department, as well as where applicable the Department of Imports and Exports should interchange information about the arrival or movement of dangerous goods, is obviously an excellent one, as is also the recommendation that importers should have dangerous goods labelled as such at their source, in accordance with local regulations.

All this, however, is skirting round the crux of the problem. The fact is that no families should be allowed to live above godowns containing materials which might erupt into fire and death. Where would the evicted people go?—This is



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## Lesson 13.

## Vocabulary:—

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 67. (ying) ying <sup>1</sup> | Ought.               |
| 68. (koi) goy <sup>1</sup>   | Ought.               |
| 69. (tse) dzeh               | Thank.               |
| 70. (sam) sum <sup>1</sup>   | Heart. Mind. Centre. |

## Useful phrase:

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| (9) "M goy <sup>1</sup> nay"     | Thank you (for something done).                 |
| (10) "Daw <sup>1</sup> dzeh nay" | Please. Sorry. Thank you (for something given). |
| (11) "Nay yau sum <sup>1</sup> " | Thank you. You are kind.                        |
| (12) "Hoh <sup>2</sup> wah"      | Don't mention it.                               |

## Combinations:

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|--|-----------------------|
| 1. 'Ying goy <sup>1</sup>                | Ought. Should.        |
| 2. 'M ying <sup>1</sup> goy <sup>1</sup> | Ought not. Shouldn't. |
| 3. Hoh <sup>2</sup> sum <sup>1</sup>     | Kind-hearted.         |

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. 'Nay ying <sup>1</sup> goy <sup>1</sup> gom <sup>2</sup>    | You should do in this way.    |
| yeung <sup>2</sup> dzoh.                                       |                               |
| 2. 'Nay 'm ying <sup>1</sup> goy <sup>1</sup> bay <sup>2</sup> | You shouldn't give him money. |
| tseen <sup>2</sup> kul.  |                               |
| 3. 'M goy <sup>1</sup> nay 'wah 'ngaw                          | Please tell me.               |
| jee <sup>1</sup> lah!  |                               |

## Conversation:

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| A. 'Nay hoh <sup>2</sup> mah?               | How are you—          |
| B. 'Ngaw hoh <sup>2</sup> 'nay 'yau         | I am well, thank you. |
| sum <sup>1</sup> .                          |                       |
| 'Nay neh <sup>1</sup> ?                     | And you?              |
| A. Hoh <sup>2</sup> 'yau sum <sup>1</sup> . | Fine, thanks.         |

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## Revolt Against Palestine Policy?

### U.S. APPEALS TO BRITAIN

Washington, January 12. The United States has urged Britain, Israel and Egypt to use the greatest restraint in the Middle East crisis, to safeguard the Jewish-Egyptian truce talks which are to begin tomorrow, the Acting Secretary of State (Mr. Robert Lovett) said today.

Mr. Lovett told a news conference that the United States made formal plans for calmness both before and after the shooting down of five British planes by the Jewish forces last Friday. The United States primary concern is to preserve peace, and the United States thinks the truce talks have promising prospects of success, he said.

Mr. Lovett said he has seen nothing to justify reports that the Middle Eastern situation has hurt Anglo-American relations.—United Press.

## Political Anxiety Over Events In Middle East

London, January 12.

An unusually long sitting of the Cabinet today heightened speculation about the possibility of a Government crisis over Palestine. One newspaper report said the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, is leading a Cabinet "revolt" against the Middle East policy of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Rumours equally unconfirmed declared that Mr. Bevin, due to face a critical session of Parliament next week on the recent events in Palestine, is on the verge of resigning.

## The West Is Winning The "Cold War"

Boston, January 12. Mr. Francis B. Sayre, United States delegate to the United Nations General Assembly meeting in Paris, believes the Western powers are winning the cold war against Russia.

Mr. Sayre said chances for peace now appear to be considerably brighter than a year ago. In the struggle between Western philosophy, law, order, and justice and Russia's belief in rule by sheer material power, Mr. Sayre said, these supporting the former are in the ascendant.

"The nation which plays a lone hand for selfish power is bound to lose in the twentieth century world," he said.

"The dice are heavily loaded against her," he said.—United Press.

## Customs Seize Gem Fortune

London, January 12. Gems unofficially estimated to be worth £500,000 were seized by the customs authorities today in a London safe deposit box stored under the name of "Onko Colombo".

According to the Evening News, the depositor is an Italian who brought the jewels to Britain before the last war. The haul consists of 300 pieces, including rings, watches, brooches, pendants and bangles.

There are gold and platinum pieces studded with diamonds, rubies, sapphires, pearls, onyx and emeralds.

Official notices of the seizure said the jewels were brought into Britain without customs or other duties being first paid.

If the owner makes a claim, legal proceedings will be instituted for the forfeiture and condemnation of the property.

Colombo has dispute that the property is liable by forfeiture by filing a writ within one calendar month from the date of the notice, which was published last night.—Reuter.

## Middle East As Moscow Sees It

Moscow, January 13. The Russian public was told today that Britain is getting ready to go to war in the Near East.

A despatch from the Beirut correspondent of Tass, the Russian news agency, said that the newspapers there reported in bold headlines preparations by the Royal Navy for a blockade of Israel.

The despatch said that communications from Cairo told of British armies near the Suez Canal being prepared for battle.

It said also that the Arab Legion has gone under the British Supreme Command, that the British have commanded all Transjordan's transport for moving their armies and that British officers and soldiers are packing the streets of Amman, Transjordan's capital.—Associated Press.

## COMMONWEALTH MINISTERS TO MEET IN EAST

London, January 12. A Commonwealth Foreign Ministers conference will be held, possibly in the near future, at Colombo.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will make a statement on Commonwealth consultations when the House of Commons reconvenes on January 13.

The Government is not aggrieved by the Indian Prime Minister's sponsorship of an Asian conference.

Britain hopes Holland will put forward reasonable, comprehensive proposals so an interim Government of Indonesia can be formed, to be followed by free elections and the formation of a United States of Indonesia to which sovereignty would be transferred.—United Press.

## Israeli Charges Denied In London

London, January 12.

Israeli charges that Britain has supplied arms to Arab States in contravention of the United Nations Security Council arms embargo were denied today by a Foreign Office spokesman.

Contravention of that embargo had been undertaken on a massive scale in the interests of Israel, the spokesman added. He said he would not deal with certain Israeli allegations, made in a letter to the Security Council yesterday by the

Israeli representative, Mr. Aubrey Eban, about British naval operations in the Eastern Mediterranean and British military manoeuvres in Tripolitania, since they do not fall within his competence.

"We deny categorically that we have ever sent any military supplies to any Arab State in contravention of the arms embargo," the spokesman said.

"If there is a threat to peace resulting from the Palestine situation, this derives from the persistent violations of the Security Council truce by the Israeli authorities."

"I say this not only on the authority of the British Government, but also on the authority of the reports of the acting Mediator in Palestine, Dr. Ralph Buncick."

"It seems to us that the interests of peace can best be served by vindicating the authority of the Security Council in the Palestine dispute."

"We hope that all member States will address their policies to that end."

The spokesman said he believes 80 per cent of the arms reaching Israel come from Eastern European countries. He would not name the countries concerned but said Czechoslovakia is not the sole source.

The spokesman would neither confirm nor deny reports about a large arms contract between the Israeli authorities and the Caproni Company of Italy.

The spokesman also denied the Israeli charges in the Security Council yesterday that British troops movements to the Transjordan Red Sea port of Akaba are a threat to Israel.—Reuter.

He had been anxious for a long time lest the Palestinian events should imperil Anglo-American friendship and understanding.

"Surely the time has now come when a supreme effort must be made to agree on Anglo-American policy and to carry it out," he added.—Reuter.

## Pilot's Story Of Shooting Down

London, January 12.

One of the four Royal Air Force Spitfire pilots shot down by Israeli forces last Friday in the Negev told correspondents in Tel Aviv today that he was over Israel territory when shots from Jewish ground troops set his plane on fire.

He is Pilot Officer Frank Harvey Close, attached to the RAF Reconnaissance Wing at the Suez Canal base.

Close was seen by three correspondents, with his consent, in the Jewish Military Hospital near Tel Aviv. He said he could not say whether his flight leader knew they were on the Israeli side of the frontier. His leader was flying at 500 feet.

"When my plane was fired upon I pulled up and the plane caught fire immediately. I jumped."

Close said that up to that time his flight had encountered neither anti-aircraft fire nor hostile planes.

Asked whether he knew another British plane had been shot down into the sea off the Israeli coast a few weeks earlier, Close said he had read about it in an Egyptian newspaper.

He and the others had instructions what to do if they ran into trouble. These were in no circumstances to fire on ground targets even in reply, and to shoot a way out against hostile planes only as a last resort if trapped and outnumbered.

Close said they were ordered to evade action if engaged by aircraft. The British pilots were instructed not to use Egyptian landing fields.

If forced to bale out or land, they were to try to do so along a main road, otherwise to make across country to Ismailia.

He described the Sinai Desert as an unhealthy area in what appeared to be a reference to possible danger from hostile Arabs.

Close said that when he parachuted it was near some Jewish troops who gave him first aid and sent him to Beer Sheva Military Hospital. Asked about his treatment in hospital, he commented: "They persist in trying to overfeed me."

**London Reaction**

In London, an Air Ministry spokesman had no immediate comment to make on the interview.

Two Air Ministry statements issued since the five RAF planes were shot down have emphasised that British Middle East recon-

## London Denounces U.S. Attitude On Palestine Crisis

London, January 12.

A Foreign Office spokesman tonight denounced the United States' attitude toward the Palestine crisis.

He said also that the Soviet Government is supporting the illegal despatch of arms from Czechoslovakia to Israel.

The spokesman used words strong for diplomatic usage in lashing out at the other two nations which, with Britain, made up the wartime Big Three.

At the same time, he called for putting into full effect the Security Council resolutions on Palestine which call for troop withdrawals in South Palestine. This would take away from the Jews gains in two campaigns fought toward the end of last year.

For the first time, there has been official mention of the possibility that the Palestine conflict may spread beyond the Middle East. The spokesman said the current situation threatens peace and security both locally and in the Middle East and Europe generally.

The spokesman issued a statement, intended primarily for the United States, soon after the U.S. Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, had announced in Washington that America has urged Britain, Israel and Egypt to exercise the greatest restraint.

### U.S. Criticised

For the second consecutive day, a British spokesman took the unusual step of making a formal statement on the dispute which came to a head last Friday with the shooting down of five British planes in the Palestine-Egypt border area.

Obviously, the spokesman acted with the full support of the Cabinet, which met in full session for the first time since Christmas.

The spokesman, demanding that the United Nations' orders on Palestine be carried out to the letter, said: "The British Government notes with regret the apparent reluctance of the United States Government to range itself squarely behind these resolutions."

The spokesman complained that public opinion in the United States seems to lean to the attitude that the British tend to blind opposition to the Jews and unqualified support of the Arabs. He said that is not the case.

"So far from pursuing a pro-Arab policy, the British Government have co-operated joyfully in implementing the arms embargo which, through cutting off normal supplies of the Arab countries at a time when the embargo was being constantly violated in the interests of the Jews, has in fact operated strongly in favour of the Jews and against the Arabs."

"In these circumstances, the only possible policy for His Majesty's Government and one which would have supported, for the United States Government, is to range themselves solidly behind the resolutions of the Security Council."—United Press.

## JAPANESE THREAT TO U.S. INDUSTRY

New York, January 13.

American wool gloves and mitten manufacturers say Japanese imports are becoming a threat to their industry.

Japanese-made wool-knit gloves already have started big sales in the U.S., they say, at prices far below the American cost.

At a news conference, Mr. James H. Casey, junior, executive secretary of the National Association of Woolen Glove Manufacturers, explained the situation like this:

It costs the American manufacturer \$7.38 a dozen to make a woolen glove comparable to the one Japan exports to the U.S. Machine-made, a trade publication duty and freight paid, at \$3 a dozen.

At retail level, he said, the comparison is 79 cents a pair for the Japanese and \$1.50 for the American make.

It is not a matter of higher tariffs, he said, but a matter of pricing.

The Japanese pay the current rate for raw wool and their shipping costs are the same as the next man's, but the average Japanese worker gets \$9 a month.

Mr. Casey said Japanese wool gloves and mittens first came here in 1934. By 1936 they had so strangled the American indus-

## U.S. FACTORIES IN BRITAIN?

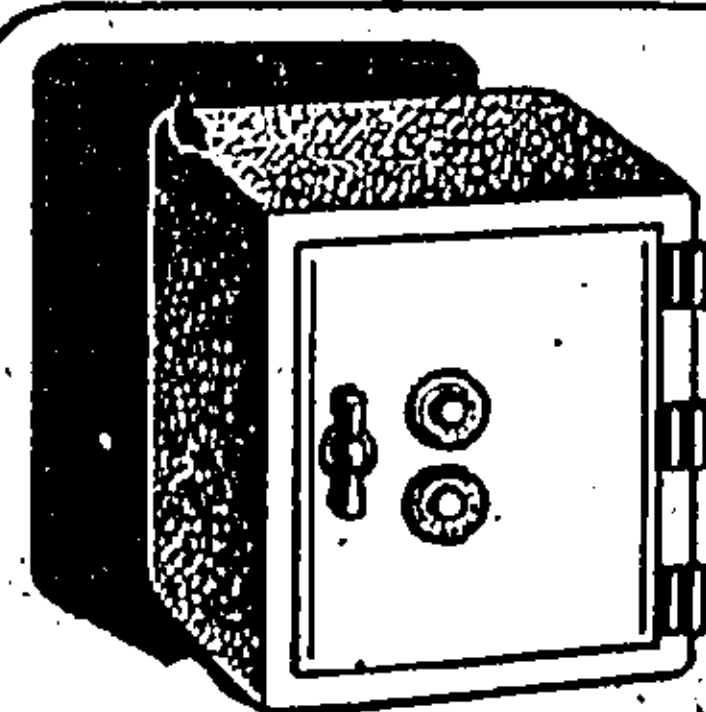
New York, January 13.

Fifty U.S. manufacturers are negotiating with the British Government to establish factories in Britain, according to a trade publication, a trade publication.

The magazine said that about half involve extension of existing operations; 20 are firms which have British sales offices but no production facilities, and five have not operated in Britain at all.—Associated Press.

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

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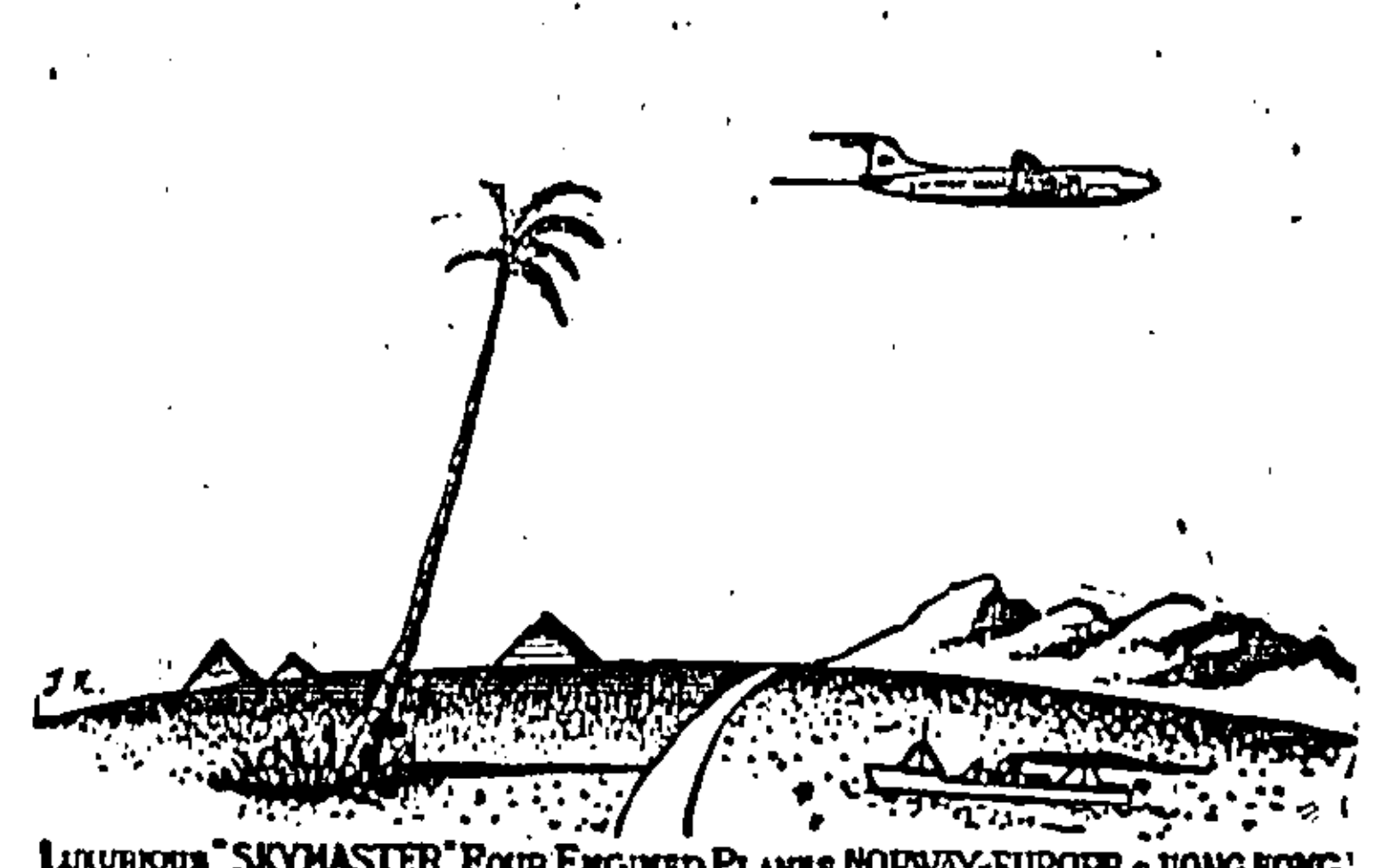
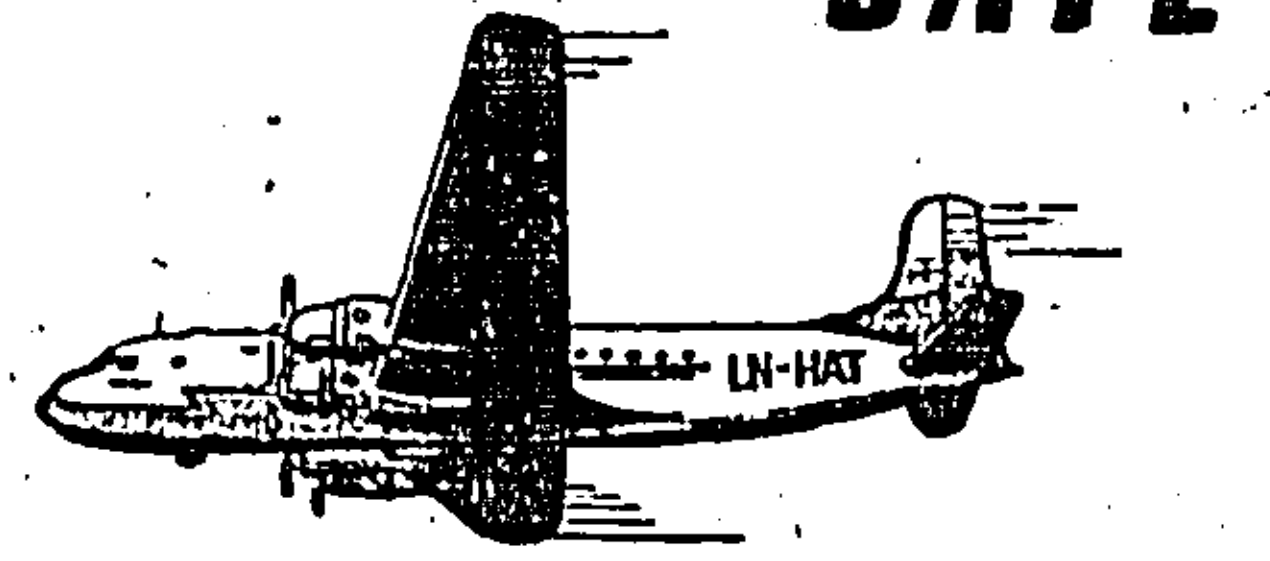


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## TANKER BLOWS UP IN HARBOUR

Rio de Janeiro, January 12. The Brazilian oil tanker, Itamarati, blew up in Rio de Janeiro Bay today, killing one person and injuring 10 more, including some shore workers. Another person is missing.

All ships in the area were called on for assistance.

The vessel, of 5,726 tons, is owned by Lloyd Brasileiro Patrimonio Nacional. The explosion occurred in the three forward tanks which were empty except for fumes.

A small fire followed but was promptly extinguished by Lloyds and the municipal fire brigade.

The cause of the explosion is not known, the captain said.—Reuter.

## SHANGHAI FIRE

Shanghai, January 13. At least 3,000 people were rendered homeless last evening by a fire which gutted 600 matcheds in the Northern district of Shanghai.

One, perished in the fire, which started when a child overturned a kerosene stove while cooking.—Reuter.



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## GUERRILLA ATTACK ON JOGJAKARTA ADMITTED

Batavia, January 13.

The Dutch report a damaging guerrilla attack on Jogjakarta, the Republic's fallen capital, but say the raiders paid heavily in casualties. The Indonesian guerrillas plunged Jogjakarta into darkness by destroying a transformer station in a raid on Monday night and also cut telephone lines and attempted to set fires.

Main power lines were untouched and the damage has already been repaired. The Dutch do not say whether the guerrillas were set by the raiders. This first Dutch admission of trouble in the former capital said the attacking force was wiped out for the greater part and only two Dutch soldiers were wounded.

The guerrillas' underground hillside radio claimed one hand annihilated a Dutch occupation force in the town of Bandungan, 50 miles North West of Jogjakarta, and still holds it. The radio said other raiding bands swept out of the hills in the same area attacking other towns, and waged harassing sorties in West Java.

There is no confirmation of these reports from Dutch sources.

### Sockarno Foiled

It is disclosed that even as the Dutch were seizing Jogjakarta on the night of December 19, the Republican President, Mr. Sockarno, and other leaders were writing a plan to fight back by means of sabotage.

Racing through the city, Dutch paratroopers captured Mr. Sockarno and other leaders before the President could deliver a prepared radio speech telling his people to fight the Dutch with every mental and physical force. The text declared: "Holland never can smother our fighting spirit or erase or decrease the independence of the people."

Guerrilla forces in East Java are now concentrated East of Madiun, 100 miles to the East of Jogjakarta, under Major-General Soemkono, formerly Republican Military Governor of East Java, Republican sources claimed today.

## Investiture At Palace

London, January 12.

King George will hold an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, March 1. This will be the first major function which the King has held since his illness was announced last November 22.

Special arrangements will be made to enable the King to sit while conferring the honours and decorations, because the strain of standing up for two hours or longer will be too much, in the opinion of his doctors.

According to Palace circles, the fact that the King's doctors are permitting him to undertake this duty should not be interpreted as indicating that his recovery is complete or that he will undertake any public engagements outside the Palace before the summer at the earliest.—Reuter.

## PAL ESTABLISH NEW RECORD

San Francisco, January 13.

Philippine Air Lines yesterday completed its shipment of 93,000 pounds of the drug, streptomycin to the Philippine Islands.

It calls the shipment the greatest such movement in history. The drug was ordered by the Philippine Department of Health and Public Welfare from a firm in New Jersey. The air shipment of the cargo required 10 days in special and regular cargo flights.—Associated Press.

## Ex-Naval Officer Found Guilty

Bielefeld, January 12.

A former British naval officer was found guilty on a charge of larceny by the Control Commission High Court today.

He is Captain Guy Oakley Maund, aged 57. A former Royal Navy Officer, he was chief of the British Frontier Control Service in Germany. He was fined £25 with an alternative of one month's imprisonment.

The currency charges against Captain Maund were dropped. He pleaded not guilty to the larceny charge.

The Chief Prosecutor said that the charge related to a dinner service of 126 pieces and seven wine-glasses, the property of Frau Wegener, wife of a former Gauleiter, Paul Wegener, who is now in British custody.

The charge also alleged that Maund had stolen a carpet, described as the property of the British Military Government.

The Prosecutor said that all the articles were taken to England on the orders of the accused. Later, after identification, they were brought back to Germany by a detective.

A Detective-Inspector told the Court that Maund said the goods must have been packed and sent to England by mistake and not by his orders.

Maund said that he had never seen the carpet before, and the china was not his.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Annual Race Meeting, 1949

Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Hong Kong Derby" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 18th January. Race No. 6 at 3.30 p.m.

### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all costs etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

### SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse the names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER.

Q. B. BROWN, Secretary.

## Aspirins Give Them Headache

Singapore, January 13.

Aspirins are giving the Singapore Medical Department a headache. They're trying to sell 4,000,000 aspirin tablets. They were brought in by the Army at the time of the liberation and gradually accumulated during the period of the British Military Administration.—Associated Press.

## Crew Walks Off Vessel

Baltimore, January 12.

The Canadian freighter Ivor Rita was picketed today by its crew of 19 British in a walk-out over a wage dispute.

The strike from sailing tomorrow with a Marshall Plan cargo of grain for Europe.

The crew, all members of the British National Union of Seamen, contend that they should be paid the higher wage scale of the Canadian Seamen's Union because the Ivor Rita is registered in Canada. The crew say they will be scabbing Canadian sailors if they accept a lower pay scale.

A resolution, given to the ship's master and the British Consulate here, said that if the demands are not met, the men will endeavour to force them by refusing to take the ship to sea.—United Press.

## Decision Hits Trade

Melbourne, January 12.

Dutch ships sailing from Australia are to be barred from Singapore and Malaya, the Australian agent for The Netherlands announced today.

Agreement had earlier been reached with waterside unions not to accept Australian cargo for Indonesian. The agent said the Dutch ship owners' decision will mean millions of pounds loss of trade to Australia each year.

Four ships are affected, the 11,066-ton liner Nieuw Holland, the 4,272-ton freighter, Maelsuyck, the Dutch and the 7,000-ton freighters Tjibodas and Tjipondok.

On January 6, the Australian seamen's unions reimposed their ban on all Dutch shipping, which they had relaxed on December 31, to fall into line with the dockers' unions, whose ban affects only ships carrying cargoes to Dutch-held Indonesian ports.—Reuter.

## U.S. Pompey Wants New Peace Talks

Portsmouth, U.S.A., January 13.

The Council of this city, where the Russo-Japanese peace conference was held 44 years ago today voted to seek a repeat performance.

This time it would be between the Chinese Nationalists and the Communists.

At the Council's direction, Mayor Cecil M. Neal appointed a committee to acquaint the belligerents in China of the city's willingness to be the site for peace negotiations.

Mayor Neal suggested the committee notify President Truman and members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation that the city is willing to act again as a dove of peace.

In 1905 the war between Russia and Japan ended when President Theodore Roosevelt helped effect the signing of the peace treaty at Portsmouth.—Associated Press.

## PLAN TO DISRUPT INDUSTRY IN UK

London, January 12.

A Communist plan to disrupt British industry is due, to be put into operation next August.

This is according to Mr. Arthur Deakin, President of the World Federation of Trade Unions.

Mr. Deakin refuses to give his source of information for this statement.

In an article in The Record, organ of the Transport and

## BEAUTY QUEEN WAS STRANGLED

Romford, January 12.

The youngest Mrs. Lillian Thomas, 28-year-old former beauty queen, who was found dead in the kitchen of her home in Chestnut Avenue, Romford, was opened here today and adjourned till after the end of criminal proceedings.

The coroner was told that a post mortem examination showed the woman had been strangled.—Reuter.

## DANGER OF ANTI-WEST BLOC BEING FORMED AT NEW DELHI TALKS

Washington, January 12.

For Eastern observers believe that strong action by the Security Council on the Indonesian problem will profoundly affect the forthcoming conference at New Delhi.

Observers say that if the Council action demonstrates that the big powers truly support the Indonesians it will militate against the formation of an anti-white bloc.

On the attitude of the Western powers largely depends whether or not a serious rift develops between the "white" West and the "brown and yellow" East, they believe.

Indonesia has become a world test tube in which Oriental will gauge the genuineness of Western intentions, these observers say. They believe that strong Security Council action against the Dutch before the conference opens will soften the rancour of many delegates and enable the conference to explore possibilities of future co-operation along other lines than the Indonesian issue.

However, the observers say if the United States, Britain and France, in effect, side with the Dutch by default or agreement on positive action, then the long term consequences may be grave.

### Jessup's Speech

Should that happen, one far Eastern source says, a racial East-West split will be precipitated by the Western powers.

United States awareness that Eastern eyes are focussed on the Indonesia stand is believed to be reflected in the strong words spoken yesterday at Lake Success by the United States Security Council delegate, Mr. Philip C. Jessup.

For Eastern sources here say that if Mr. Jessup's words are followed by United States action, then the delegates to the New Delhi conference may be guided accordingly.

Mr. Jessup conferred here yesterday with Mr. M. Merle Cochran, American member of the United Nations Good Offices Committee, who was recalled from Java as a consequence of the Dutch Police action. Mr. Cochran refused to discuss his mission in any way.

However, observers conclude that Mr. Jessup's words in the Security Council must have been decided after the State Department heard Mr. Cochran's report of the Indonesian situation.

An informed source says the New Delhi conference was first suggested to Pandit Nehru, Indian Minister.

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## Aircraft Company Summoned

London, January 12.

A London aircraft company and its Australian Director were charged with gun-running in France at a London police court today.

The charges allege that a Lancaster aircraft, owned by the Aeronautical and Industrial Research Corporation, carried 17 cases containing 20 millimetre anti-aircraft guns with ammunition at Dole, Mulhouse, France, about May 11 last year.

The Managing Director, Mr. Frederick Cotton, 51-year-old pioneer airman, is alleged to have aided and abetted in the offence.

The summonses were adjourned indefinitely.

Counsel for the defence said that Mr. Cotton had flown back specially from the East to hear the summonses, but on legal advice is not appearing personally.

In the opinion of the defence there is a complete answer to the charges. There had been a certain amount of publicity, but Mr. Cotton is not ashamed of anything that he has done.—Reuter.

## Island Captured By Burma Rebels

Rangoon, January 13.

Burmese Army and Navy forces put out from Rangoon today on an expedition to recapture Bilugyun Island off the Burma coast from separatist forces.

The island fell on Tuesday to Mon and Karen rebels after a 24-hour assault. The Mon and Karen tribes demand a separate state.

Widespread violence erupted after Christmas Eve incidents when, Karen spokesmen said, 200 of their members were massacred by Government police while attending midnight church services.

A Government spokesman said that Bilugyun, near Moulmein and a night's steamer trip from here, was garrisoned by civilian police only when 200 rebels swarmed across the narrow strait separating the island from the mainland to occupy key positions.

He said Government forces hope to recapture the island within two or three days.

The Government suspended passenger and freight operations in the Burmese delta area on Tuesday because of repeated attacks on its steamers.

A band reported to be led by Communists seized the island of Ramree off the coast near Ayeyar on Tuesday, a Government communiqué said. Government forces are being sent to aid islanders still holding out.

Two sharp clashes on the mainland are reported. The Government said it lost five killed and that rebel casualties were heavy.—Associated Press.

## Demand For U.S. Cotton

Washington, January 13.

The Under-Secretary of the Army, William H. Draper, yesterday predicted a steady increase in demand for American cotton in Europe and Asia.

Testifying before a special House sub-committee studying the world cotton situation, Mr. Draper said the trend in textile production abroad is toward greater use of cotton.

He said the need for textiles is so great in Europe and Asia that the demand for American cotton will grow steadily more of their manufacturing plants are put back into operation.

Mr. Draper added that these continents will remain a market for the American product long after their nations become self-supporting.—Associated Press.

## TROUBLE IN FRENCH INDIA

Paris, January 13.

Official French sources refuse to comment on reports that the Socialist and Congress representatives in French India have agreed with the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, to repudiate last year's Franco-Indian agreement, under which the future status of French India is to be decided by a referendum among the five French dependencies.

The Governor of the French Indies, M. Charles Baron, has been urgently asked for a report on the situation.—Reuter.

## Agreement in Berlin

Berlin, January 12.

The "Eastern" and "Western" Administrations of Berlin reached agreement today when the "Eastern" Magistrat consented to take over control of the Walldorf tuberculosis hospital at Sommerfeld, in the Soviet Zone, owned by the British-sector district of Charlottenburg.

The decision was taken to prevent the hospital coming under the control of the Soviet Zone Public Health Administration at Potsdam and the consequent evacuation of 400 Western sector patients to the Western Zones.

Commensfield is 60 miles North West of Berlin. The head of the "Western" Magistrat's Public Health Department, Dr. Bruno Harms, said that the "Eastern" Magistrat had also agreed that the facilities of all the city-owned placed at the disposal of all seed Berlin hospital should now be for.—Reuter.

## RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 0.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father E. Bourke, S.J. (Studio)

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Ambrose and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—London Theatre Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—New Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Music for You" by Gerald & His Orchestra with The Gerald Singers, Carol Carr and Denny Vaughan (Vocal) (ORBS)

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

4.01 p.m.—A Geraldine Programme.

4.30 p.m.—Cantonese by Radio, Given by Miss Leo Wai Lan & S. K. Lee. (Studio)

4.50 p.m.—Xavier Cugat and His Waldorf Astoria Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—Sporting Review. (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—Variety Band Box from the People's Palace London. (BDCTB)

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—"Hans to be King" by Dorothy L. Sayers. (BDCTB) 4th Part: "The Heir to the Kingdom"

8.27 p.m.—Music from the film "Fantasia".

9.15 p.m.—A Story: "Here comes the Copper" by Henry Wade. Read by Clifford Davies. (Studio)

9.55 p.m.—Concert presented by Peggy Cochran, Albert Sanders' Trio and Jack Payne's Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—"Sweet Serenade" Peter York and His Concert Orchestra, with Paula Green and Steve Conway. (BDCTB)

11.00 p.m.—"Think on These Things" (BDCTB)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.



# HONG KONG ONLY BRITISH BASTION IN THE PACIFIC

## Forrestal Asks New Powers

Washington, January 12. The Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal, has asked Congress for authority to send American military missions to all parts of the world, wherever they may serve the global interest of the United States.

Sensors learned of Mr. Forrestal's project today as the Senate Armed Services Committee met in secret session.

A military mission usually includes officers, technicians and experts but no regular organised units.

During the last war, authority existed to send these missions anywhere.

Mr. Forrestal informed the Senators that three types of military missions should be authorized:

1. General military assistance.
2. An inter-American cooperation plan, which in effect will be a military assistance bill for the American Republics.
3. Missions to fit the pattern of global interests.—Reuter.

## Retaliation By British

Berlin, January 13. The British Military Governor, General Sir Brian Robertson, today banned the importation of any Soviet licensed newspaper, film, book or other German-language publication into the British Zone of Germany.

Today's order was similar to the ban decreed by General Robertson on November 10 but in a revised form intended to give the ban a tighter legal basis and close the loopholes through which Soviet-licensed publications have been leaking through.

In an appendix to the order, it is stated that the action follows a recent Soviet order prohibiting the distribution of British-licensed literature in the Soviet Zone.

The order does not exclude Soviet-licensed editions of standard school works. Technical magazines, scientific books and other publications of a technical or strictly non-partisan nature will be allowed.

The United States military authorities have similar restrictive orders covering their Zone. They apply to all Soviet-licensed publications irrespective of their nature.—Reuter.

## Died The Day Before Show

New York, January 12. The death occurred here today of Willie Howard, 62, star of Variety and the Broadway musical stage in the Ziegfeld era.

Mr. Howard died in the Poly-clinic Hospital after a six-week illness.

The sad-eyed little comedian, who introduced "Sweet Adeline" and who made famous the song "Pay The Man Two Dollars," died just a day before a musical in which he was to star was to open on Broadway.—United Press.

## Press Peer Explains His Political Policy

London, January 12. Lord Beaverbrook, owner of the Daily Express, which has a circulation of 4,000,000 copies, explained his politics today following a report that he is no longer a Conservative.

In an interview with A. J. Cummings, political commentator of the Liberal News-Chronicle, Lord Beaverbrook was asked if he intends to give whole-hearted or modified support to Mr. Winston Churchill and the Conservative Party in the next general election.

His reply, according to Mr. Cummings, was: "That will depend upon the policy developed by Mr. Churchill and the Conservative Party. If it is an Empire policy I am with them. If not, I oppose them."

Lord Beaverbrook said his politics are what they have always been, as set forth in his 1925 book "Politicians and the Press."

Mr. Cummings quoted a passage from that book: "In the Empire and not in Europe our future lies."

The paragraph quoting Lord Beaverbrook as saying he is no longer a Conservative appeared in his own London Evening Standard last week. It declared he will not renew his subscription to the Conservative Party Association.

## Oasis In Desert Of Destruction

London, January 12. Mr. A. Comyns-Carr, K.C., British prosecutor at the major Japanese war trials, today said that Hong Kong is the sole remaining bastion of British prestige in the Pacific.

"Hong Kong is an oasis of prosperity in a desert of desolation and destruction," he said.

"The calamities of the Kuomintang in China have given greater opportunities to the little Colony, which is one place in the Pacific which is able to rely on British administration."

Mr. Comyns-Carr said the collapse of China was due to exhaustion, coupled with misgovernment, which had crippling effects on Shanghai and other treaty ports handed over to China after the war.

Mr. Comyns-Carr compared the Chinese Communist policy to that of General MacArthur in Japan.

Mr. Comyns-Carr told the Royal Empire Society, "The Chinese Communist Party, so far as can be gathered from accounts of Europeans remaining in their areas and from the texts of their decrees, is primarily an agrarian reform party."

"Their new agrarian law appears to be no more drastic on the whole than the one adopted under General MacArthur's pressure on Japan. Both are merely schemes for redistribution of existing cultivated areas among cultivators, including existing owners."

Mr. Comyns-Carr said he had no intention of being provocative or critical of MacArthur's magnificent job but simply wished to emphasize that MacArthur's policy can be taken as an example of the most effective measures to counter Communism.

### Pump-Priming

Lieutenant General Sir Charles Gairdner, who went to Japan in 1945 as Mr. Winston Churchill's personal representative and stayed three years, voiced similar convictions.

"I would call it a pump-priming solution for Eastern problems," he said. "We should pour raw materials into areas threatened by Communism, sufficient to raise living standards above anything the Communists have to offer. It would ultimately prove less expensive than vast military operations."

Mr. Comyns-Carr said it is difficult to understand Russia's Far Eastern policy.

"If Russia is the protector of the Chinese Communists, it is odd she did not leave them the great plants captured from the Japanese in Northern Manchuria," he said.

"The Russians carried them all away and left only an empty shell. Similarly, her refusal to any peace treaty with Japan has its only practical effect in prolonging American occupation of Japan, which is a useful if rather vulnerable advanced base in the event of war."

### Threat To The Commonwealth

General Gairdner said he could not completely share this view.

"I am not sure whether Japan would be a great asset in the event of war. It would be a great responsibility and that is possibly the reason why

Russia has not agreed to a treaty. The best idea would be for Japan to be a neutral area."

Both men told the United Press that the spread of Communism in Asia has jeopardised world peace and is the gravest threat to Commonwealth security.

Other members of the Royal Empire Society emphasised the urgency of economic and political unity among the Western nations to counter aggression in Asia as much as in Europe.

They stressed the need for greater Anglo-American collaboration.

A member of the House of Lords, who prefers to remain anonymous, said: "America and Britain do not think in the same way about Asia. America thinks in terms of trade and sentiment while Britain has serious political issues to face. While this exists, there is always the danger of our policy going directly opposite to America's. This should be stopped now."

Questioned further regarding General MacArthur's policy in Japan, Mr. Comyns-Carr said: "I think it is founded more closely on the British Constitution than on the United States, despite the fact that it was framed by the Americans."

Regarding Japan's defeat, he said: "The irony of Japan's failure is that she succeeded in thinking about what she preached—liberation of the Far East from the West—instead of what she practised, which was the substitution of Japanese for Western domination."

"In some countries, collaborators who oppressed fellow countrymen for Japanese benefit are now accepted as champions of liberty."—United Press.

## Japanese Propaganda Machine

Tokyo, January 13. The Japanese press is loaded these days with what appears to be a directed propaganda campaign to gain concessions from the Allies for economic stability.

For several days the top stories in all Tokyo papers have concerned economics. All international stories and even local politics have been subordinated.

This emphasis on economics is timed to a degree by Washington's directive for a "get tough" policy in restoring domestic stability. The current press campaign contains little fresh news but it does emphasise the major points that industrial leaders and their political spokesmen want to get across.

It started long enough after the December directive was issued to allow time for careful preparation of what was to be said.

The local reader gets the impression that stability would be restored automatically by three moves: establishment of an exchange rate favourable to Japanese business, release of wartime economic leaders from purge restrictions and a heavy flow of foreign capital as investment, mostly for plant expansion.—Associated Press.

## DEATH WARRANT OF WFTU?

London, January 12.

Mr. James Carey, Secretary-Treasurer of the United States Congress of Industrial Organizations, tonight met Mr. Arthur Deakin, Secretary of the Trade Union Congress and President of the World Federation of Trades Unions.

Though it was an informal talk rather than an official consultation, observers here believe they signed the death warrant of the World Federation.

Before the meeting with Mr. Deakin, Mr. Carey told newsmen that the CIO attitude when the World Federation's Executive meets in Paris next week will certainly not be less bold than that of the TUC.

Asked if the CIO delegation will follow the British delegates if they decide to walk out, Mr. Carey commented: "You may well find us ahead of them."—Reuter.

## Bad News For PI Smugglers

Manila, January 13. Customs men are now ready to deal a heavy blow to smuggling with the use of a device, newly acquired from the United States, known as the sicular in-spectroscope.

Believed to be the first of its kind to be used in the Orient, the new in-spectroscope is said to be effective in detecting jewellery and other objects concealed in smugglers' clothing or luggage.

The apparatus functions in a way similar to that of an X-ray. It cost US\$7,000.—United Press.

## Edinburgh's Visit To Yorkshire

Bradford, January 12. The Duke of Edinburgh visited Bradford today to open the new Bradford Grammar School. He first went to Yeatton, where he visited James Ives and Company and made presentations to employees with long service.

He was accompanied by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, and the Regional Controller of the Board of Trade, Mr. A. D. Robinson.

The Duke then attended a conference of the National Playing Fields Association.

He lunched at the Bradford town hall before driving to Lister Park for the opening of the school, which was occupied by the military during the war.

A shawl, made of Bradford wool by blind women, was presented to the Duke as a gift from the school to Prince Charles.—Reuter.

## Greek Rebels' Big Attack

Athens, January 12. The Greek General Staff announced that two brigades of Greek guerrillas with heavy artillery and mortars are battling with Greek Army units on the Northern and Southern outskirts of the Macedonian town of Naoussa.

They began their attack from North and South last night.

Another battle is being fought near Edessa, 15 miles North West of Naoussa, where the Marko forces have launched a diversionary attack. Official details are lacking.—Reuter.

# LAST-MINUTE BID TO SAVE NORTHERN BLOC

Stockholm, January 12. Sweden, in a last-minute bid to salvage the proposed joint Scandinavian defence agreement, has recalled for consultations to Stockholm, her Ambassadors in Washington, London, Paris and Moscow.

The move follows feelers from Washington to Norway and Denmark but not Sweden on their attitude to a possible formal invitation to join the proposed North Atlantic Pact.

During the private meeting of the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of the three Scandinavian countries in Karlstad, Sweden, last week, the Norwegians said they are willing to join the Atlantic Pact, in which the United States and Canada will be associated with the five Western Union nations.

The Danes are hesitant about committing themselves but are inclined to follow the Norwegians. The Swedes are firmly determined to maintain their traditional neutrality outside all international alliances.

Sweden's object in consulting her Ambassadors to the "Big Four" capitals is to evolve some compromise formula which will permit Norway and Denmark to seek their security with the Western powers without committing Sweden too far.

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If their consultation does not produce a formula, the Ambassadors with their special

knowledge will try to smooth out the differences between the three Scandinavian countries at a new meeting with the three Prime Ministers and their Cabinet colleagues on January 22 in Copenhagen.

Informed observers here believe that the cleavage between Norway and Sweden on the objectives of the proposed Scandinavian bloc is too wide to be closed.

At the end of the Copenhagen meeting, these observers predict, each country will go its own way—Norway to the North Atlantic Alliance and Sweden to neutrality.

The Swedish, Norwegian and Danish defence chiefs met again in Oslo today and their talks are likely to continue tomorrow. The Committee, appointed last October by the three Defence Ministers, is believed to be discussing standardisation of arms and joint strategy in the event of an attack.—Reuter.

# "LUCKY" ACCIDENT FOLLOWED GIRL'S TRIP TO LOURDES

Albany, California, January 12. Six-year-old Mary Ann McMahon, crippled since birth, made the trip to the shrine of St. Bernadette in Lourdes, France, recently and prayed for the use of her legs.

Today it appears that her prayer may be answered.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert McMahon, the girl's parents, say the little blonde child has regained partial use of her legs by virtue of a fortunate accident.

Soon after her return from Lourdes, the girl fell off her tricycle and broke her left leg just below the knee.

What appeared to be tragedy at the time turned out to be a blessing, for doctors set the leg straight and thereby made it stronger.

Now Mary can walk short distances without help.

Dr. McMahon says the next step will be an operation on her right leg in the hope that it too may be strengthened and straightened.

Her father explains that Mary Ann was born without any fibula the bone between knee and ankle.

Prior to her accident, she was unable to walk without heavy plaster casts on her legs. The McMahons say that, although the child has been to many specialists, none has advised breaking her legs.

Her mother said: "But when she fell off her tricycle she broke it in the perfect place. I am sure Mary Ann is going to be fine."—United Press.

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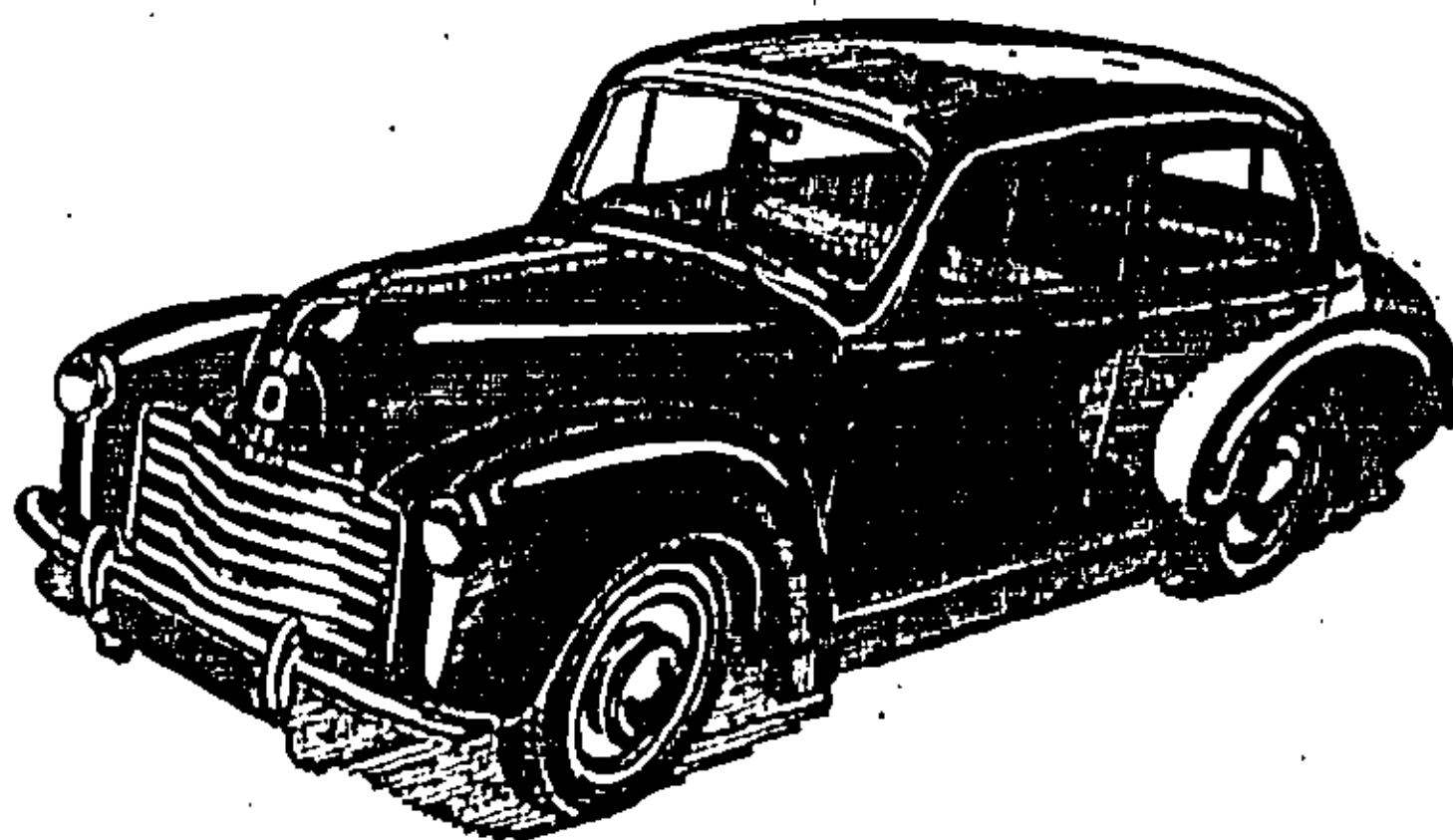
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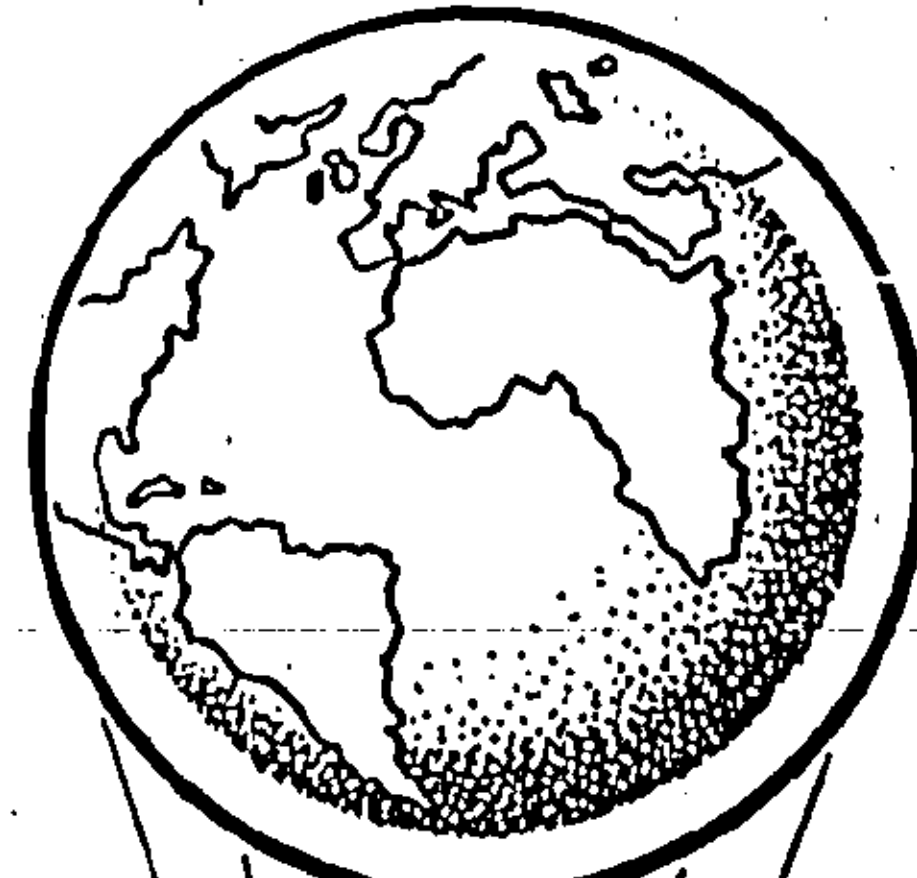
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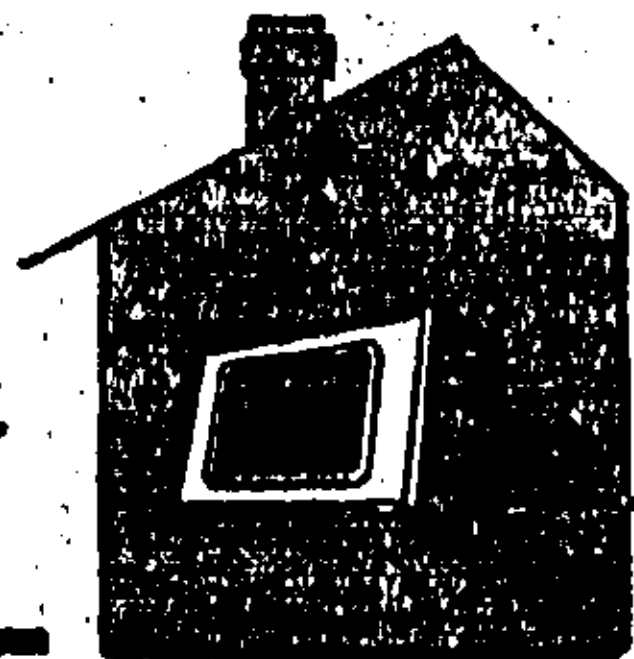
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## NO CONTROL PLAN CAN PREVENT USE OF ATOMIC BOMBS

New York, January 12.

No scheme for world control of atomic energy, not even the Western plan approved by the United Nations, can prevent the use of atomic weapons in a long drawn-out war.

This is according to America's member of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, Frederick Osborn.

Mr. Osborn said that it is a fallacy to believe that even proposals devised by the United States and endorsed by 48 of 58 United Nations countries can keep nations from using every effective weapon of war available to them when backed against the wall in a new war.

It is also a fallacy to believe that the United Nations atomic plan is a step toward a world government in any form, he added.

He said: "It is a plan for co-operation among national states, not for coercion from a supra-national authority."

Osborn, again attacking Russia's refusal to accept the majority plan for atomic control, said that the much-embellished American plan is the only possible formula for providing a degree of atomic safety.

But, he said, even that would not block the use of atom bombs when any nation possessing atomic facilities on its own soil feels that the chips are down.

Mr. Osborn said the merit of the majority plan is that it will eliminate the chances of any nation gaining immense initial advantage in atomic armament by placing facilities for nuclear energy in the hands of the proposed International Atomic Control Authority.

While this would not be enough to keep a nation from seizing control from the international authority, Mr. Osborn said, it would guarantee that prior to the outbreak of war the nation whose land such facilities are situated would not be able to use them to stockpile atomic weapons.

### Not Exclusive

The control machinery endorsed by the West and sponsored by Russia would provide for a period of grace which may make possible a settlement before atomic bombs come into use, and would sprinkle atomic facilities around the world so that the possibility of creating atomic weapons would not be exclusively in the hands of any one nation or group of nations.

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Mr. Osborn assailed the most vocal exponents of world government in this country who, he said, use the necessities of atomic control as one of their arguments for a world government.

Of Russia's refusal to join the majority, Mr. Osborn said: "It is not wholly impossible to believe, although the present prospects are dim, that the Soviet Union may some time desire to co-operate with the rest of the world."—United Press.

### THE NEW MUFTI

Amman, January 12.

Sheikh Ibrahim Edin Jaralla was today named Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and President of the Moslem Supreme Council by King Abdullah, to succeed Haj Aminel Hussein.—United Press.

## Africa Manganese For America

Washington, January 13.

The United States will start setting aside steel next month for the manufacture of goods waggons needed to get out South African manganese for America's stock piles, the Commerce Department said today.

Russia now supplies America with most of her manganese, and officials will not chafe at reports in trade circles that Russia expects to cut down on shipments of metal to the United States.

The new plan provides for setting aside 2,575 tons of steel monthly from February until September at least, to make goods waggons for transporting manganese ore from South African mines to the ports.

The waggons are to be made by the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Montreal, for the Union of South Africa Railways.

The United States Munitions Board, which handles Government war materials stock-piling, has said the plan may make it possible to get half or all its stockpile manganese from South Africa.

The Board has never disclosed the amount of manganese it wants but it has suggested that a steel guarantee plan may enable South Africa to increase its yearly manganese production by 250,000 to 300,000 tons.

The Canadian car factory has undertaken to deliver the waggons to the South African Railways in the fourth quarter of this year.—Reuter.

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## Suicide With 'Atom Capsule'

Rome, January 12.  
Il Giornale d'Italia said yesterday that Edwin Belts, engineer, committed suicide in Venice by swallowing a capsule which the local authorities feared contained an "atomic explosive."

The authorities refused to touch the body because they feared an explosion, and it was buried without an autopsy.—United Press.

## CAR SHORTAGE IN BRITAIN

Fremantle, January 12.

Viscount Nuffield, Chairman of Morris Motors, said today that his organization has more than 250,000 British applicants waiting for cars.

In Britain, he added, only 25 per cent of cars produced are allowed to be sold on the home market and by the time priority holders are satisfied, he doubted whether other citizens get more than 10 per cent of the allocation.

Lord Nuffield arrived here today for a trade tour of Australia and New Zealand. He has already visited South Africa.—Reuter.

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## World Domination Is Goal Of The Kremlin

Detroit, January 12.

The ECA Administrator, Paul Hoffman, said today that the Russian Politburo is using its best efforts to achieve world domination.

This is the primary goal of Soviet policy and a drive is being waged with an intensity and determination that makes Hitler's efforts seem amateurish, he said.

Mr. Hoffman's statement is one of the strongest condemnations of Russia by a responsible United States official.

He said: "The United States people, despite recent revelations of the Communist activity at home and abroad, are still unaware of what is happening and of the seriousness of danger that threatens them and the entire world."

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## Americans Reducing Personnel

Shanghai, January 13.

The reduction of United States military organization personnel in Shanghai is continuing steadily.

No comment on the extent of the reorganization and retrenchment from high officers of the Joint United States Military Advisory Group is available, but transfers of considerable body of officers and men have been effected as a routine measure in the past few weeks.

The complete removal of United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps units from the Kiangwan air base was completed. The equipment and men have been re-stationed at the civil Lungshan airport.

At Lungshan, the United States organizations occupied four hangars and approximately one-quarter of the entire paved parking area. In addition they operated the ground control approach radar equipment and the airport tower.

With the transfer, military and naval units are now re-established in rented space of the China National Aviation Corporation.

Radar and radar equipment will be operated out of Lungshan airport in future.

The military units which shifted from Kiangsu are largely transport squadrons.—Reuter.

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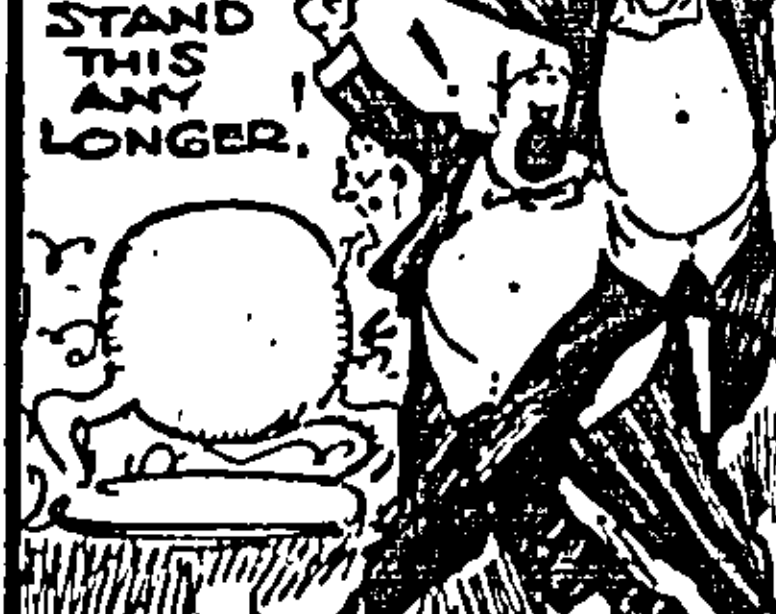
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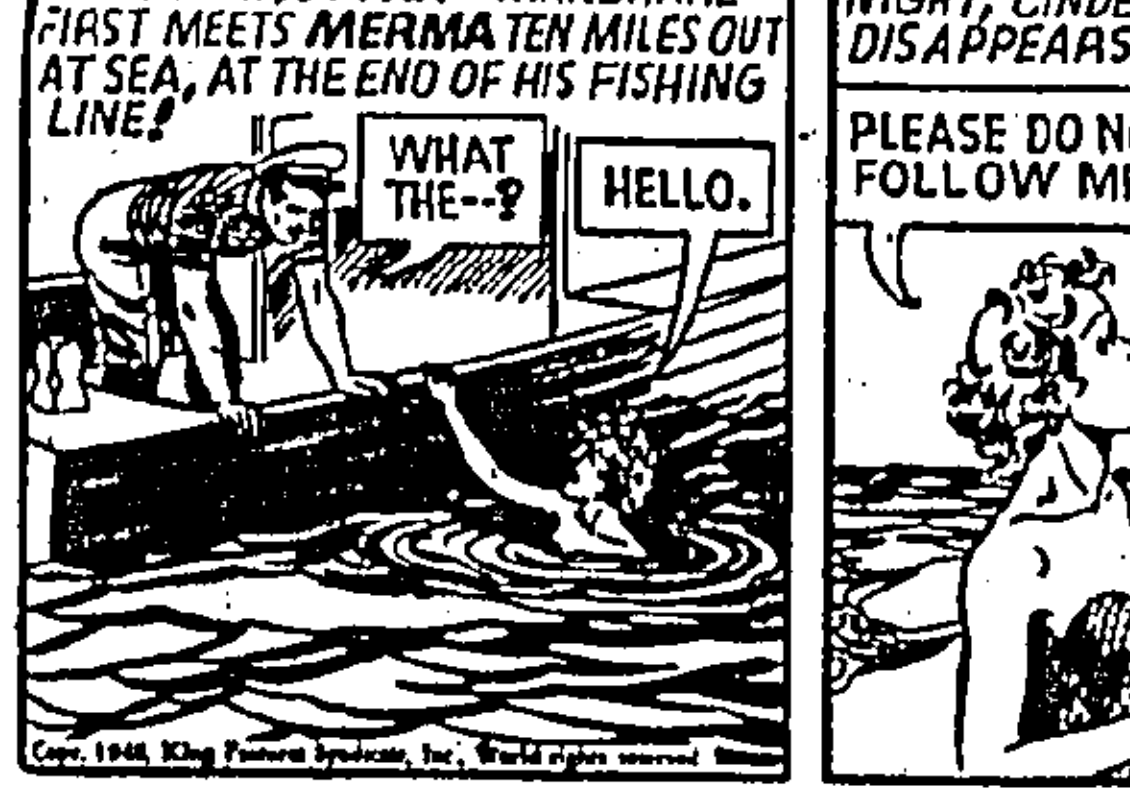


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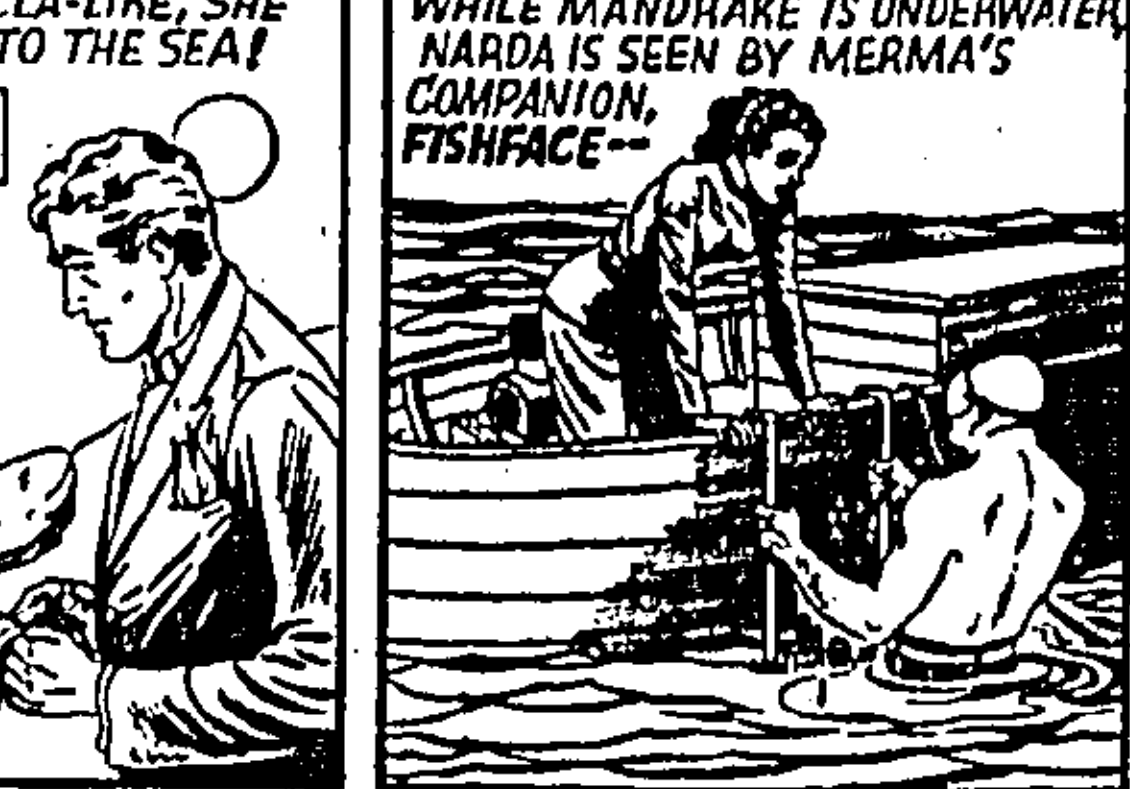


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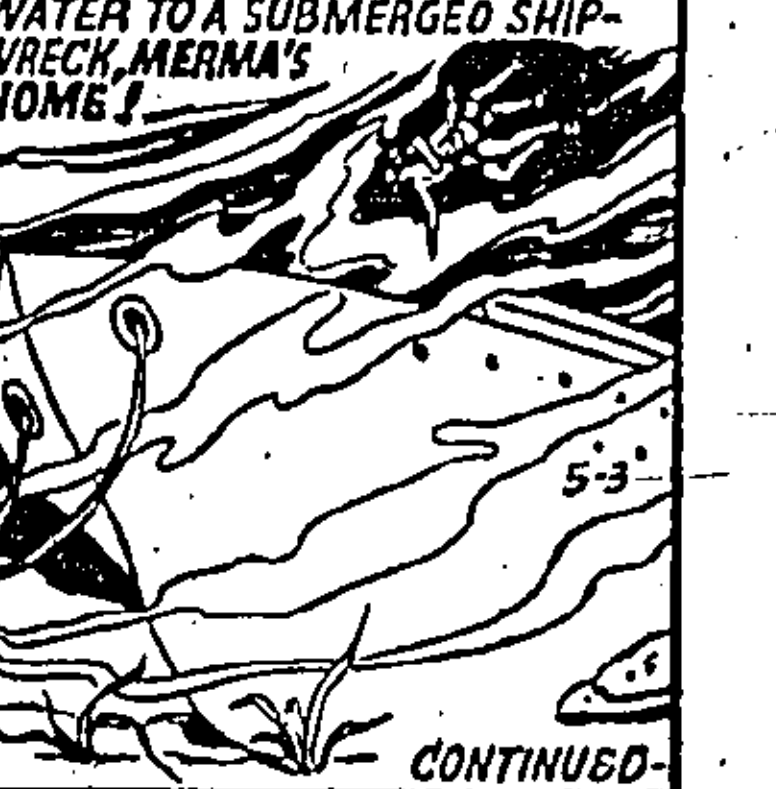
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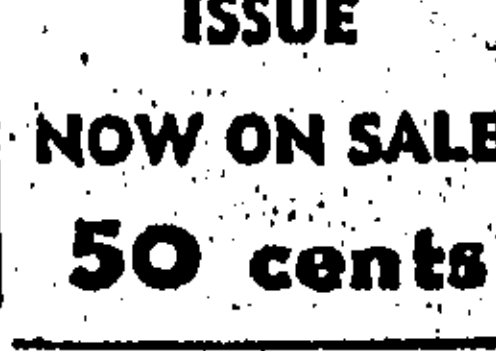


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## Britain Increasing Her Gold Reserves

London, January 12.

Britain's gold and dollar reserves increased by £20 million during the last quarter, the Treasury announced today.

Having fallen from £552 million at the end of March, when the European Recovery Programme began, to £457 million at the end of last month.

In the last quarter, the net gold and dollar deficit of the sterling area, before allowing for ERP receipts, was £93 million against £76 million in the third, £107 million in the second, and £147 million in the first quarter.

Of the deficit of £93 million, £6 million was covered by the drawings on the International Monetary Fund paid into the control reserves held in London, leaving £87 million to be met from the reserves or from ERP aid.

The reimbursement of ERP aid during the quarter was £107 million, hence the increase of £20 million in the reserves. "It was officially stated today: 'The drain on the reserves in keeping largely in line with our ERP allocations, after allowing for special resources such as India's drawings on the International Monetary Fund.'"

## Good As Gold

Although the ERP authorities in Washington overlook some of the affairs of reimbursement during the last quarter, they can never get exactly current.

When ERP ends in June, 1952, Britain will still be owed some reimbursements, though less than the present figure of £90 million. Such a debt, due from the United States Treasury, may be regarded as good as gold, even though not actually in the gold reserves until a little later.

During the first three quarters of 1949, the sterling area's net deficit was £276 million. Of this, £12 million was covered from the International Monetary Fund and £264 million from the United States Treasury. A balance of £246 million is still owed three-fifths of the £455 million of ERP aid allocated to the sterling area for the first five quarters ending next June (£445 million to Britain and £10 million to Eire, which is within the sterling area).

## A Good Sign

Thus the sterling area is succeeding in living within the volume of dollar aid that it is getting, but it still has to arrange to live without dollar aid after June, 1952.

Each of the last three quarters had one quarter's reimbursement in gold from South Africa of hard currency paid out by Britain on South Africa's behalf.

As these settlements are made one quarter in arrears, Britain at the end of December was also owed one quarter's reimbursement from South Africa.

## MOSCOW LATEST

London, January 12.

The Western world does not have as accurate time as that in Russia. Radio Moscow claimed today.

The broadcast said the Russians' time measurement is accurate to 0.000 seconds. It pointed out that this compares with 0.008 in Britain, 0.009 in Washington and 0.017 in France. —United Press.

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## Experts Said He Is Dead

Charleroi, January 12.

A panel of medical experts confirmed today that 61-year-old Jean Clobours, a farmer of Leves, near Charleroi, is dead and should be buried.

The funeral of Clobours, who died last Saturday, had been postponed because his relatives and friends believed that he is alive. —Reuter.

## Wheat Agreement Chances Slim

Washington, January 12.

The chances of an international agreement on wheat being reached at the World Conference beginning on January 25 are considered slim.

The prospects are much less favourable even than last year when a proposed five-year agreement broke down because the United States failed to ratify it.

Last year's agreement was negotiated against a background of high prices and scarcity, with none foreseeing that these two factors could undergo much change in the next five years. Today the situation has altered and the initiative in seeking agreement has been transferred largely from importing to exporting nations.

In the coming year wheat supply and demand will probably be approximately equal and in the following two years supply will exceed demand. These facts will impose on importers an extremely difficult choice in committing themselves to take certain quantities at fixed prices.

Price levels will provoke long argument at the coming conference and the opinion is growing that unless exporters are willing to take a long-sighted view and accept lower maximum and minimum prices than those proposed last year, there is little chance of a new agreement.

Last year France and China were big importers. This year France may even become a limited exporter. The situation in China is uncertain and there is the future possibility that the Argentine may seek to participate as an exporter with Australia, Canada and the United States.

## ERP Complication

Both Russia and the Argentine have been invited to the conference, although neither were parties to the 1948 agreement.

Canada is unlikely to attend, but it is believed that the Argentine, which is today feeling the effects of increased world supplies on its wheat sales, may choose to become a partner in any future agreement.

The situation is further complicated by the European Recovery Programme as it affects Canada. The Dominion is anxious to regain its independent footing in its historical European markets, including most of the Marshall Plan nations, excluding Britain, with which it has bilateral arrangements on wheat.

## Bishops Break Off Talks

Budapest, January 12.

The Bench of Bishops of the Catholic Church in Hungary announced today that it is unable to continue negotiations with the Hungarian Government, begun shortly after the arrest of the Hungarian Primate, Cardinal Mindszenty.

The talks began on January 4 at the request of the Prime Minister, M. Istvan Dobi, but only one meeting took place. The second, due last Saturday, was cancelled without explanation at the last minute.

The bishops, announcing their decision in a letter to the Premier, said they had discussed current problems between the Church and State at a meeting on Monday and had found that for the moment they are not in a position to continue the talks. Some of the 12 members of the Bench of Bishops are personally in favour of continuing the negotiations and four are definitely opposed.

Budapest political circles believe the bishops had received instructions from the Vatican on the talks. —Reuter.

## Panay Volcano In Eruption

Manila, January 13

Hot lava is spilling over the crater of a volcano thought extinct on Panay Island, a Manila Times despatch said today.

Government volcanologists in Manila state that no official reports have been received from the Central Philippines on the crater activity.

The Times said a single stream of lava is trickling down Borat Mountain near Leon municipality and is threatening a banana plantation. Leon is 20 miles North West of Iloilo, Panay's capital.

Mountain people reported fire and smoke ejected from the crater every 30 minutes. Leon town officials who visited the spot reported that isolated huts of non-Christian tribes living on the thickly forested mountain side are not in danger. —Associated Press.

## AUSTRIAN IRON FOR JAPAN

Vienna, January 13.

The first shipment of Austrian pig-iron has left Trieste for Japan.

Announcing the shipment today, the United Austrian Steel and Iron Works said it marks the beginning of a series of substantial deliveries of pig iron contracted for Japan to American buyers. —Associated Press.

## Unrest Cause Of Rice Shortage

Washington, January 12.

Political disturbances which have restricted transportation have kept 300,000 tons of Burma rice off the world markets in 1948.

This is according to a report by the Foreign Agricultural Relations Office of the Agriculture Department.

Burma, which before the war was the most important exporter of rice, showed the greatest promise for recovery toward pre-war production and trade until August.

About 1,650,000 tons of rice was reported available for export during 1948.

Since August, however, political disturbances had resulted in an accumulation of stocks in the interior of the country and lack of rice at ports for shipment abroad. The amount exported in 1948 was therefore limited to 1,350,000 tons.

Burma's 1948-49 rice acreage will also probably be reduced by the continued civil disturbances from 9,250,000 acres in 1947-48 to approximately 8,000,000 acres, and with average to good yields, the crop will be about 15 per cent less.

Even with a resumption of normal political conditions, the report says, Burma's exports are not expected to reach the 1948-49 level.

total, which was only 41 per cent of the pre-war average.

## Indo-China

Siam is expected to be the primary export source in 1949, with shipments totalling 1,375,000 tons or 88 per cent of before the war. This compares with 850,000 tons in 1948.

Political unrest is also blamed for retarded recovery in French Indo-China's rice production.

Exports in 1948 were approximately 200,000 tons which was a big increase over 1947, but still only 12 per cent of pre-war deliveries. Unless the political situation improves, it is not expected that export quantities available in 1949 will exceed 1948.

In most of the other producing countries, exports available are expected to be approximately last year's level. Madagascar, Italy and South America are the exceptions, with a sharp drop in supplies in both Brazil and Ecuador.

The report attributes some decline in South American acreages to the fact that prices since 1947 are considered there to be unprofitable. —Reuter.

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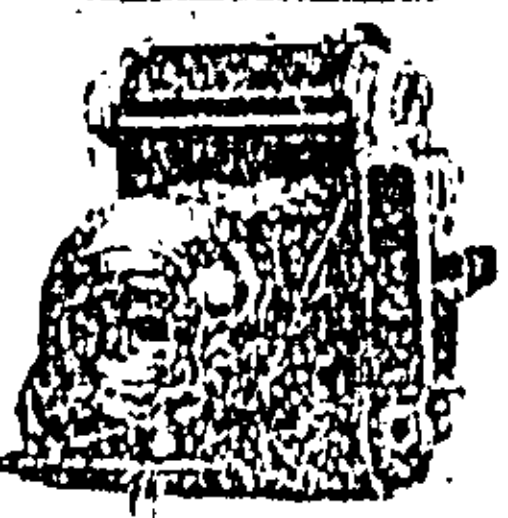




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## SHANGHAI RUGBY XV TO VISIT COLONY

### HOCKEY INTERPORT TRY-OUT

All hockey fixtures for Sunday, January 16, have been cancelled and the first Interport Trial will take place instead.

The following players are requested to appear on the Navy No. 1 Ground, King's Park at 10.30 a.m. sharp:

**REDS**  
Capt. S.M. Ponniah (HKU), Backs: G.S. Cannon (CS) and J.B. Gonsalves (RSC), Halves: L. Cdr. Hogg (RN), P. Hong Kong (HKU) and A.M. (HKU).

**WHITES**  
Capt. Rogers (HKU), Backs: L. Cdr. Ponniah (RN), Backs: Q.M.S. Webb (Army), Halves: Robson (CS), W.A. Rose (HKU) and Capt. Monaghan (Army).

**FORWARDS**  
J.A. Soares (HKU), G. Gonsalves (HKU), S. Cunnolly (RSC), L. Cdr. Aiken (RN) and B. Xavier (CS & W).

**RESERVES**  
Goal-keeper: Barretto (C & W), Backs: A. Nery (HKU) and E.E. Barrett (CS), Halves: L. Cdr. Mathewson (RN) and L. Cdr. Byrd (RN), Forwards: Maj. Bokenham (Army) and P. Rull (C & W).

Red shirts will be supplied on the field and the game is to be played 40 minutes each way.

No names were submitted by the Police and Dutch Clubs, therefore none of their players are included in the trial.

The Kladia Hockey Club is one to play Macao on Sunday afternoon and some of their players will receive a trial on January 23.

Umpire: Capt. Chinnell and Mr. Xavier.

Will Club Secretaries please submit names of their English players who wish to represent England in the International Tournament to Capt. Payne, c/o CRE's Office, Hong Kong.

### HKFA Team For Governor's Cup Match

The following have been selected to represent the HKFA against the Chinese Federation of Governor's Cup second match, to be played on Sunday, January 16, at Caroline Hill ground at 3.30 p.m.:

Lock (St. Joseph's), Hughes (Army), Tozer (Navy), Weatherall (Army), Craighead (Army), (Captain), Santos (St. Joseph's), Xavier (St. Joseph's), Nathan (Club), Knox (Army), Kiaman (Club) and Ramskill (Army).

Reserves: Bartrum (RAF), Soutar (RAF), Farrow (Club), Marsden (Army) and Weller (Club).

Team Manager: Capt. H.J. Chinnell.

Trainer: Mr. Eric Keen.

Players and reserves are requested to report to their Team Manager in the Dressing Room at 2.45 p.m.

Jerseys etc. will be supplied by the Association.

The following will represent the Federation—Yue Yiu-tak (SCAA), Hau Yung-sung (SCAA), The Kam-hung (SCAA), Tang Sun (KMB), Kwok Yung-kee (KHC), Lau Chung-sang (SCAA), Ho Yung-tan (SCAA), Lee Chung-fat (KMB), Tang Yee-ki (KMB), Chan Kam-hoi (SCAA) and Tse Kam-ho (SCAA).

Reserves: Tam Kwon-kon (KMB), Tam Chun-fat (KMB), Lee Ping-chiu (KHC), Chan Kam-pu (CAA), Mau Cheung-wing (CAA), Hung Hing-yuk (KMB), Tam Woon-cheung (KMB) and Lo Wah-sing (CAA).

Jerseys etc. will be supplied by the Federation.

### SCORPIONS XI

The following will represent HKCC "Scorpions" in a league cricket match against Club de Recreio at Chater Road tomorrow:

L. F. Stokes, O.J. Kerr, T.A. Pearce, D.H. Leach, H. Owen Hughes, J.E. Richardson, N. MacLeod, J.D. Clague, F. Howarth, R.H. Hughes and E.F. Gee.

Reserve: G.B. Gibbons, Umpire: A.P. Weir.

This following will represent the "Osculona" in a friendly cricket match against the Civil Service CC at Chater Road on Sunday at 11 a.m.:

Capt. N. Arthy, H. D. Wiles, R. W. Franklin, G. B. Gibbons, W. L. Howard, G. J. Kerr, D. H. Leach, M. Newton, L. F. Stokes and A. P. Weir.

A Shanghai Rugby Interport XV is expected to visit the Colony in February and it is hoped to play the Interport game on Saturday, February 19.

If time permits, the Shanghai side will also turn out, probably on the following Monday, against a Combined Services XV.

The following week should see the arrival of a United Services XV from Malaya, which will play a series of games; at present the arrangements are that they will meet a Club side, a Hong Kong United Services XV and a final game against the Colony.

This is good news for the Colony's rugby enthusiasts and should go a long way towards making the game more popular than it has been during the current season.

Consequent upon these visits, the season's fixtures are amended as follows:—

January 29: Winners Q.T. v The Best.

February 5: 1st Round Inter-Internationals.

February 12: Club Interport XV v United Services XV.

February 19: Interport v Shanghai.

February 26: Malayan Services XV v either Club or Colony XV.

March 5: Final Inter-Internationals.

Saturday's game between Army and Club at Sookimpo is a crucial one as it can be seen from the Q.T. Table below:

Club: P W L D F A Pts  
Army: 4 4 0 0 5 12 8  
Navy: 4 3 1 0 4 20 6  
RAF: 4 1 3 0 5 30 2

Police: 4 0 4 0 3 109 0

**Best Of Season**

The previous game between Army and Club produced the best result of the season; it was a tangle, hard fought struggle until the final whistle, Club eventually winning by nine points to three.

Tomorrow's game promises to be an even more exciting affair and spectators may expect to see some fine open back play between evenly matched three-quarter backs and a hard struggle at half back.

Club forwards are undoubtedly superior in the tight, but one cannot say the same of them in the loose.

The result will again depend on the forwards, obtaining a monopoly of the ball from the tight scrums.

The Army-Club struggle at 4.15 p.m. will be preceded by a game between RAF-Police and Royal Navy, which the latter should win although a rejuvenated RAF pack may give Navy a fright.

**Pakistan Bowls Team Feted**

The Pakistan Lawn Bowls Team, which won the International last year, was honoured by the local Pakistan community at a party at the Jacobson Room, Hong Kong Hotel, yesterday.

The team was composed of Messrs. M.I. Razek, R.M. Omar, A.M. Omar and U.M. Omar (skip). B.M. Omar and I.M. Omar (reserves).

The function was presided over by Mr. S.A. Ismail, among those present were Messrs. A. el Azzuli, R.M. Omar, S.H. Ismail, P.T. Barma, Imad, Din, A.A. Aziz, G.M. Butt, and A.H. Baker (Captain of the Pakistan Softball International Shield).

London, January 12. St. Mary's Hospital defeated Middlesex Hospital by 19 points to nil in a rugby match played today.—Reuter.

### School Football

The following soccer games will be played in the School Football League on Saturday:

**SENIOR DIVISION**  
Yamat v Taikeo Club, 11 a.m.; Referred to Collier.

**JUNIOR DIVISION (HONG KONG)**  
St. Joseph's v E.K. (PM); Club, 10 a.m.; Referred to Collier.

**WANTAI (PM) v Govt. Vernacular; St. Joseph's, 10 a.m.; Referred to Mak Young Fat.**

**AMONG A-CHINESE (AM): St. Joseph's, 11 a.m.; Referred to Chan So Wah; Yau v Wantai (AM); Army "I", 10 a.m.; Referred to Chow Tung.**

**QOMON v A-CHINESE (PM): Army "I", 11 a.m.; Referred to A. Baker.**

## Royalty At Golf



The Princess de Reby (left), wife of exiled King Leopold of Belgium (right) and the Duke of Windsor (centre) were three of the players in a tournament at the Golf Club de Mandelieu, near Cannes.—AP Photo.

## GAEKWAR SELLS ENGLISH STABLES

London, January 12. The Gaekwar of Baroda, reputed to be the third wealthiest man in the world, today called a halt to his fabulous turf spending.

He has been trying to secure a racehorse, which will win Britain's Blue Riband of the turf, the Derby.

The Gaekwar's Warren Place stables at Newmarket, the most sumptuously-equipped racing establishment in the British Isles, for which he paid £50,000, was put up for sale today.

The Gaekwar is said to have decided to curtail his racing activities because of continued criticism by his country of his personal extravagance.

The Gaekwar is at present in Baroda, still conferring about the constitutional crisis which arose following his second marriage to Princess Sita Devi.

The Gaekwar's Newmarket trainer, Fred Armstrong, disclosed that his patron is reducing his string of horses to 14.

**British Interests**  
Armstrong said: "We are also aiming at quality rather than quantity."

Among the horses being retained is My Babu, a hot favourite in the 1948 Derby which ran unplaced, and Sayajira, which cost the world record price of 20,000 guineas when purchased as a yearling.

Sayajira credited the Gaekwar with his only success in a classic race when it won last year's St. Leger stakes.

Armstrong recently bought "e" St. Gallen stables and six of what remains of the Gaekwar's lavish bloodstock purchases made over the past five years.—United Press.

## HANDLEY CREMATED

London, January 13. The body of Tommy Handley, the Liverpool boy who became the King's favourite comedian and a fire-side friend of millions, was today taken to Golders Green crematorium with the many members and former members of the "ITMA" cast still at his side.

Eight well-known singers and fellow members of the Savage Club, to which Handley belonged, formed a choir at the chapel in Westbourne Grove before the cremation.

Representatives of the British Broadcasting Corporation were present.—Reuter.

## CIGS Meets The Boys



Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, looks over some of the exhibits at the Schoolboy Exhibition in the Horticultural Hall, London. Field Marshal Slim, who started his military career as a ranker in the Territorials during the first World War, was recently promoted to Field Marshal.—AP Photo.

## LOUIS TO DEFEND TITLE IN JUNE

### Jews Start Demobilising Reports Say

Aldorf, Rhodes, January 13.

The Jewish army has begun to demobilise its forces, Tel Aviv despatches said today as Israeli and Egyptian representatives prepared to meet across the conference table in search for peace.

The historic conference, which may pave the way for settlement of the entire Palestine war, was scheduled to start at 11 a.m. in the ground floor conference salon of Hotel Des Laves. The talks will be held under the auspices of the United Nations with the Acting Palestine Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, officiating as chairman.

Dr. Bunche said the outlook for the talks was very promising.

Tel Aviv despatches on the eve of the talks said the general feeling there was that the Palestine war was over and that it was time to demobilise the army and return the country to civilian economy.

The military situation favoured the Israeli as the Rhodes talks opened. Jewish troops held virtually all of Southern Palestine, and Jewish forces were in a strong position to defend the Negev.

An Egyptian brigade was still holding out in Faluja, Northern Negev, and Egyptian troops still held a thin strip of the coast that included the major centre of Gaza.

The make-up of the Egyptian delegation, here is completely military, indicating Egypt's interest in the talks at this stage is concerned with the situation in the Negev and not involved in a general political settlement.

The Jewish delegation, on the other hand, is heavily political, indicating Jewish interest is in a general political settlement which might set the stage for permanent peace.—United Press.

### Mediation For China

Washington, January 13. The United States was reported today consulting with Britain and France on a Chinese Government move aimed at opening the way to mediation by outside powers in China's war.

The Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Lovett, told a news conference yesterday that communication had been received from Chiang Kai-shek's Government but declined to say what it was about.

However, Press dispatches from Nanking have reported that China was raising the question of possible action by one or more of the Big Four nations—Britain, France, America and Russia—to try to end the long conflict between Chinese Government and Communist forces.

These reports are in line with information from diplomatic sources here. The Chinese evidently have not directly suggested mediation, but have opened the way either to suggest it or to have some nation or group of nations volunteer "good offices," by inquiring as to the attitude of the Big Four on the possibilities of a peaceful settlement in China.

Some answer may be sent to Nanking by the State Department in a few days, but indications are that no step will be taken by Washington without careful checking with London and Paris.

Diplomats consider it a speculative possibility that Moscow's opinion on the China situation is also being sought by the United States and possibly by the other Western powers.—Associated Press.

### JOACHIM WINS DECISION

London, January 13. Mac Joachim, the Grove Boxing Club middleweight who boxed for India in the Olympic Games, easily outpointed A. Prince, of the Robert Browning Boxing Club at Kingston, Surrey, last night.

Joachim gave a fine all-round display and was too fast for his plucky opponent. His aggressiveness and two-handed hitting could not be matched by Prince, whose best efforts were occasional right-hand counter punches.

The Grove boxer refused attention from his second between rounds and did not even sit down. He proved to be exceptionally fit, and a wide margin separated the boxers at the final bell.—Reuter.

Chairman Edward Egan of the New York State Athletic Commission said yesterday he had received definite assurance from Joe Louis that Louis would defend his world heavy-weight boxing title next June.

### Mannion Mystery

London, January 13. The bidding for the services of Will Mannion, the Middleborough English International inside left, has flared up again.

But there is still a great deal of mystery surrounding the pending transfer of this famous player, who in refusing to resign for his club has not played this season.

The latest club in quest of Mannion's transfer is Aston Villa, Mr. W.J. Smith, Villa's secretary, stated that Mannion had agreed to be transferred to the Villa and that the club, being prepared to pay the record £25,000, had decided to communicate with Middleborough.

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Another source gave the reason for the break down of negotiations as being the fact that the Villa were not prepared to pay the fee requested, while yet another said that both Mannion and Aston Villa were agreeable but Middleborough were not keen on the move.

The reason put forward for this turn of events was that Aston Villa and Middleborough are both near the bottom of the First Division table and need points badly.

With Mannion on their side, the chances of Villa would be improved perhaps at the chances of Middleborough.

**Arsenal Drop Out**  
Arsenal now appear to have dropped out of the hunt. They stipulated that Mannion should play a few matches "on approval" before the deal was finally clinched.

The Third Division, Northern, club Oldham Athletic, would very much like to have Mannion playing for them, and the player himself would be quite willing because he is settled in his work in that town. But, here the question of money arises.

The Oldham directors have made every effort to raise the fee asked by Middleborough, even by public subscription, and having failed in their attempt they have now decided to retire.

Mannion, refusing to re-sign for Middleborough at the beginning of this season, and later declining to go to any one of several clubs seeking his transfer, has played no serious football since the Football Association tour of the Continent last May.

So one of the most extraordinary secer situations in the history of the game still goes on.—Reuter.

### Two Yanks To Hang For Murder

Tokyo, January 13. A general courtmartial today sentenced two soldiers to hang and a third to life imprisonment after finding them guilty of slaying a Post Exchange bookkeeper on December 3 at the Japan Air Material Area outside Tokyo.

Sentenced to hang were Pfc. Robert E. Keller, aged 20, and Pfc. James H. Burke, aged 20. Dis-honourably discharged from military service and sentenced to life imprisonment was Private Robert L. Baughman, aged 19.

The three men were charged with and found guilty by the court of slaying Sergeant Paul T. Wilburn while they were in the process of robbing the Japan Air Material Area Post Exchange on December 3, 1948.

Sergeant Wilburn slept in a small room to the rear of the store where he was found dead on the morning of December 3 as a result of the severance of his jugular vein.

Evidence admitted in the case showed that Private Baughman stood guard outside the Post Exchange while the murder was being committed by Keller and Burke.

The findings of the court will be reviewed by the authority convening the court, the Commanding General of the Fifth Air Force. After action of the convening authority the sentences are subject to further review and the death sentences on Keller and Burke must be confirmed by the President of the United States.—United Press.

### Japanese Excited Over Foreign Investments

Tokyo, January 13. Japanese newspapers today gave prominence to a report that an announcement on foreign investments in Japan will be made this week.

Excitement and optimism in Japanese business circles has flared as a result.

Perturbed by Japanese reaction, the Economic Stabilisation Board last night warned that it is still too early for any speculation.

A high official of the Board stressed that it will be some time yet before any final plans for investments can be made. The Yen foreign exchange rate and the stabilisation of currency must come first.

The official pointed out that contracts between Japanese and American firms will not materialise until the Government judges conditions sufficiently stabilised and control organisations have been established.

He sees encouragement, however, in the fact that the reports will give impetus to preliminary talks on financial and business arrangements with foreign firms.

Newspapers today reported briefly on arrangements between Japanese and foreign firms that are in the preliminary stage.

Among such arrangements, the Yomiuri reported that the Japan representative of Babcock and Wilcox, who has returned to England, will arrive in Tokyo this year as President of the Tokyo Babcock Company, formerly Tokyo Babcock, in which the English company had 67 per cent interest before the war.

Other negotiations reported are between American and Japanese firms, and include talks of the Reynolds Metal Company with Japan's light metal, negotiations by Nippon Yusen Kaisha for US\$20,000,000 worth of Liberty ships and negotiations between Japanese and American electric companies.

Such negotiations, chiefly "stock, electrical and oil," which have been rising steadily on the wave of optimistic reports, took another jump in this morning's trading.—Reuter.

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